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SHIPPING TROUBLES IN CHINA

UNRELIEVED ANXIETY

BANDITRY ACCENTUATES LOCAL DIFFICULTIES.

OPTIMISM NOW FADING AWAY

"It is no exaggeration to say that the year 1930 was one of the most difficult and anxious periods through which this company has ever passed," said the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, who took the chair at the annual meeting of the Indo-China Steamship Company, this morning. "Shipping companies of all nationalities have suffered by the world-wide depression in trade, and by the disastrous effects of shipping conditions in all parts of the world."

Whatever optimism obtained at the beginning of the year under review had been largely discounted by the new and recent break between Nanking and Canton. General conditions in China, accentuated by unrest, civil warfare, banditry, higher labour costs, and increased taxation, had particularly affected the Indo-China Steamship Company.

In addition, trouble had been rife on the Yangtze River, particularly in the middle section above Hankow. Firing on merchant ships had necessitated the provision of armed guards, and the further protection by H.M. ships. Over 100 instances of merchant ships being fired on in this section of the river were recorded during September and October alone.

DRASTIC ECONOMY ESSENTIAL

The Chairman at this point paid high tribute to the very valuable services to shipping rendered in this area by H.M. Forces, without which lives and property would have been seriously endangered, and the operation of merchant shipping well-nigh impossible.

The Chairman also alluded to the outrage at Changsha and Yochow, on the Company's hulk Changlee and tug Shunwo, by Communists or bandits, masquerading as an "Army."

Notwithstanding representations of shipping companies, local Port dues had been increased, and another adverse factor had been the restriction of emigration to Malaya.

The Chairman then went on to outline the negotiations with the company's floating staff as to basis of payment of wages. The matter was still under review, and he earnestly hoped that wise counsels would prevail. Now, more than ever, drastic economy was a vital necessity.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman, moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—Gentlemen.—It is with much regret that your Directors have once more to record a year of adverse conditions. It is no exaggeration to say that the year 1930 was one of the most difficult and anxious periods through which the Company has ever passed. Shipping companies of all nationalities have suffered, and unfortunately are still suffering acutely, from the world-wide depression in trade and I need only refer you to published reports both at home and abroad, and more especially to recent editions of such a well-known journal as Fairplay, to convince you of the disastrous effect which these conditions have had upon shipping activities in all parts of the world.

To those, however, who follow the trend of events in China it will be easily realised that in addition to the general stagnation of trade, from which we, in common with others, have suffered, shipping companies trading exclusively in Far Eastern waters, have also had to face many extra difficulties, by reason of the continued unrest in China and the abnormal decline in the value of silver. The low rate of exchange, to which I will refer later, was the most unfavourable ever experienced and business generally was restricted to a minimum. Chinese civil warfare, banditry, labour troubles and further taxation, together with increasing port charges and operating costs entirely upset any feelings of optimism indulged in by mer-

chants at the beginning of the year.

Yangtze River Troubles.
A considerable portion of the Company's fleet, as you are aware, is employed on the Yangtze River, extending as far as Chungking. The general conditions prevailing on the river during the year 1930 were most unsettled, and business was conducted with the greatest difficulty and not without considerable anxiety. Firing on merchant ships, irrespective of nationality, was prevalent in the early part of the year, increasing in intensity towards October.

According to published reports, and I think without exaggeration, there were over 100 instances of merchant ships being fired on in the middle section of the Yangtze River above Hankow during September and October alone. On the Lower Yangtze, merchant ships were also subjected to attacks by so-called Communists or bandits ashore.

These conditions necessitated arrangements whereby, with the assistance of H.M. Navy, British ships on the Yangtze were provided with armed guards and this, together with the protection afforded by foreign gunboats, enabled trade to be carried on. In this connection, I would once more express the Company's keen appreciation of the valuable help afforded by His Majesty's Forces during another year of exceptional handicaps, and without which both lives and property would have been seriously endangered and the operation of merchant tonnage rendered well-nigh impossible. I also take this opportunity of conveying to the company's floating and shore staffs along the Yangtze our grateful thanks for their loyal and willing co-operation under very trying conditions.

Outrages Committed.
To add to the difficulties already mentioned, the Company suffered a severe loss resulting from the outrages committed at Yochow and Changsha in July by Chinese Communists or bandits, styling themselves as the 5th Red Army, when the Company's tug Shunwo and the hulk Changlee were looted and burnt; the latter beyond repair, and cargo in godowns wantonly destroyed. Here again H.M. Navy rendered valuable assistance in protecting the lives of both Chinese and foreign subjects. Claims for losses incurred have been duly forwarded through official channels to the Nanking Government, and I trust a settlement will be pressed as strongly as possible.

Keen Competition.
On all sections of the river keen competition was experienced

FRANCE'S DESIRE FOR PEACE.

The Urgent Duty of All Peoples.

SECRET DIPLOMACY BANNED.

Paris, Yesterday.
France will play her part at Geneva in discussing "with proper prudence" all solutions capable of assuring world peace, declared the new President, M. Doumer, in an address read in both Houses of Parliament this afternoon.

He added that the maintenance and organisation of peace was the urgent duty of all peoples.

"It is compatible with the primordial obligation of assuring by ourselves the life, security and independence of our country."

M. Doumer attributed the economic crisis much more to difficulties with neighbours than disorders of France's own internal economy, and said that frankness and goodwill were needed, and secret diplomacy must be banned.—Reuter.

CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states:—
Pressure is relatively high over Japan.

Depressions are situated over N.E. China and the N.W. of Hanoi.
Forecast:—S. winds, moderate; generally cloudy.

Rainfall.
Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.15 inch. Total since January 1—28.67 inches against an average of 31.99 inches—deficit 3.32 inches.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 81
Macao 81
Pratas Island 81
Manila 79
Poochow 81
Amoy 81
Chefoo 69
Shanghai 70

throughout the year, and trade was seriously interfered with on the Chang-Chungking line by a strike of Chinese pilots, which lasted from February until May, during which time practically all steamers operating on the Upper Yangtze were unable to run.

The continuance of civil warfare in China has again been a source of keen regret and has greatly restricted the movement of merchandise to and from interior points. The situation has been ably reviewed at the recent annual meetings of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. I am sure you will share with me the keenest disappointment that when hopes were raised and confidence strengthened by the reported general agreement in the Autumn between Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and the Nanking Government, the situation has now taken another turn for the worse arising from the dispute between the Nanking Government and the Canton section of the Kuomintang. Uncertainty as to the future is once more affecting business, and I fear the much longed for period of peaceful trading is still very remote.

Depleted Earnings.
From these remarks, shareholders will realise that due to the causes mentioned the earnings of your Yangtze Fleet were much depleted during the year under review. In other directions our regular services were on the whole well supported. In the Southern China trades, however, business throughout the year was in a very depressed condition, tonnage being greatly in excess of demand and with little or no prospect of improvement. Several German and Norwegian steamers were withdrawn from the Coast, and a large amount of tonnage laid up at both Hong Kong and Singapore. Towards the end of the year the charter rate from Saigon to Hong Kong was as low as 10 cents per ton.

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POSEIDON TRAGEDY FUND.

Governor Heads Subscri- List.

STOCK EXCHANGE LIBERALITY.

Mr. S. A. Arthur, Hon. Treasurer of the Navy League Poseidon Fund, sends for publication the undernoted list of donations. It will be seen that a lead has been given by His Excellency the Governor who has made a personal contribution of \$250. The Stock Exchange has donated \$500, in addition to which member firms have contributed \$1,500, making a total of \$1,500 from this source.

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Bao of Canton, Ltd. 100
K. F. Lay 10
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Fund Now \$19,225.

The Fund has been very considerably enhanced as a result of donations sent in between noon yesterday and noon to-day. The new collections total no less a sum than \$9,486, making the grand total up to noon to-day \$19,225.

The latest list, which will be published in detail to-morrow, comprises \$6,045 sent to the Navy League direct (including a handsome donation of \$5,000 from the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation).

Gratifying as the response is, the need for funds is very great, especially in view of the low rate of the dollar.

Cheques, which may be sent either to the "China Mail" or to Mr. S. A. Arthur, c/o Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd., P. O. Building, who is acting as Treasurer of the Fund, should be made payable to the Navy League (Poseidon Fund).

Rapidly Sinking.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Secretary to the Admiralty has announced that the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, has reported that H.M.S. Submarine Poseidon is in an exposed position, and is rapidly sinking in soft mud.

This renders the possibility of salvage extremely remote. It has accordingly been decided that all further salvage operations should be abandoned.—British Wireless Service.

GOLD BASIS IN INDIA

EFFECT ON VALUE OF SILVER.

RESULT IN CHINA

AN ARTIFICIAL AID TO INDUSTRY.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Anderson, Chairman of the Far Eastern Section of the London Chamber of Commerce, speaking at a meeting at which the recommendations of the British Economic Mission to the Far East were considered, said that one effect of putting India on a gold basis had been to depreciate the value of hoarded silver savings throughout the East.

The unprecedented fall in silver had given an entirely artificial stimulus to the expansion of industries in China.

CANTON CUSTOMS.

Concerted Action By The Powers?

London, Yesterday.
Strong concerted action by the Powers to restore the unity of the Maritime Customs, "the one efficient administrative machine in China," is demanded by the Morning Post in a leader, which says that even if the Cantonese abide by their undertaking to remit the Customs quota hypothecated for the service of foreign loans, the Powers should act concertedly, as at the last attempt on the seizure of the Canton Customs in 1923.—Reuter.

which was only likely to be checked by want of security, in so large a portion of the country.

A resolution was passed that the International Chamber of Commerce be asked to formulate a scheme for the stabilisation of the value of silver as a basis of subsequent discussion by interested Governments.—Reuter.

No Request to Government.

London, Yesterday.
The Government has received no request for an international silver conference, stated Mr. Philip Snowden in reply to a question to-day in the House of Commons.—Reuter.

MR. S. R. TICKNER.

DOCKYARD OFFICIAL'S DEPARTURE.

ON MEDICAL ADVICE.

Mr. S. R. Tickner, R.C.N.C., Chief Constructor in H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, is to leave for home on Saturday by the P. and O. s.s. Ranpara.

Mr. Tickner, who was promoted Chief Constructor and appointed to the Hong Kong Dockyard in August, 1928, has unfortunately recently developed eye trouble, accentuated, it is thought, by sun glare. He is returning home on medical advice, and his many friends sincerely wish him a speedy recovery.

Joining the Portsmouth Dockyard in 1897 as a shipwright's apprentice, Mr. Tickner, as a result of a competitive examination open to all H.M. Dockyards, was later sent to the Royal Naval College at Keeweenaw, Devonport. This was in 1901, and the following year he entered upon a course at the Royal Naval College at Greenwich.

In 1905 he was appointed Assistant Constructor, going to the Portsmouth Yard, and since then has served at the Admiralty, at Rosyth and Portsmouth, going through the grades of Assistant and Senior Constructor.

Since his arrival here in 1928, Mr. Tickner has greatly endeared himself to the Dockyard Staff, and has taken the keenest interest in his work. His departure is the occasion for great regret amongst his colleagues.

LANE, CRAWFORD'S PROFITS.

Big Increase for the Past Year.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING.

A profit of \$167,181.29 as compared with \$42,025.45 for the previous year was reported at the 9th ordinary meeting of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., held in Exchange Building to-day.

In proposing the adoption of the report and account, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, said:—
Dealing with the accounts, you will notice that the result of our working shows a profit of \$167,181.29 as compared with \$42,025.45 for the previous year. This result, I feel sure you will agree, is very satisfactory considering that the year under review has been one of many difficulties owing to the low value of the dollar.

Repairs and renewals show a large decrease as compared with last year. This is accounted for by the fact that repairs and renewals have, to a considerable extent, been debited to Working Account.

You will also notice a debit item under the heading of "Exchange." This sum—namely \$2,576.18—represents the adjustment of sterling accounts current between our office here and our London Agents.

With regard to the item "Expenses re Exchange Building Purchase," this amount covers sundry charges, including Stamp Duty, Legal Fees, etc.

It has been found necessary to write off the sum of \$2,566.18 as bad debts, and it is proposed that, in addition to the \$8,000 already standing to the reserve for bad and doubtful debts, a further sum of \$7,000 be added thereto. I am sure you will agree with the conservative policy of your Directors in this regard. It is really a matter for congratulation that the writing off and reserve necessary are so small considering the nature and extent of the Company's business.

Your Directors' proposal to transfer the sum of \$30,000 to General Reserve will, I am sure, be appreciated and approved by you.

Our Investments have this year given us a small return, and since the publication of the Balance Sheet the Company has disposed of its interest in Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd., on satisfactory terms. The Profit & Loss Account does not appear to call for further remarks, except the item "Depreciation," which I propose to deal with when considering the Balance Sheet.

As indicated in the report submitted by your Directors, the balance at Profit & Loss Account, after making due allowance for Depreciation and Bad and Doubtful Debts, and deducting the debit balance brought forward from last year, amounts to \$29,372.86, which it is proposed to carry forward to a new account.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, the only explanation which appears to be necessary is in regard to Depreciation.

Depreciation on the Company's property—Exchange Building and 15, Burrows Street—largely accounts for the increase over last year's figure.

Bakery and Cold Storage plant and fixtures and fittings have been subjected to a similar depreciation to last year's.

Garage fixtures and fittings and machinery and plant have been written down by a reasonable amount, and depreciation of tools and equipment has been debited to Working Account.

Depreciation on restaurant utensils, linen, etc., has been allowed for in accordance with the policy of previous years.

Stocks, as valued by the Management, have been depreciated where necessary.

I think, Gentlemen, that the foregoing should be a satisfactory explanation of the accounts before you.

My predecessor, when addressing you at the last meeting, informed you that your Directors were hopeful of purchasing Exchange Building, in which the main section of the Company's business is situated, and I am pleased to say that negotiations were brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and the Company ac-

SURPRISE TACTICS END CRISIS.

Liberal Amendment Ruled Out of Order.

SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The anticipated Parliamentary crisis, due to arrive to-night, when the House of Commons vote was taken on the Liberals' Land Tax amendments to the clause in the Finance Bill, came to an unexpected end this afternoon. When the House of Commons, having gone into Committee reached the clause and Liberal Members rose to make the much discussed amendment, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. Dunning, ruled it out of order and said that it should have been put forward on the earlier clause which had already been dealt with.

This development came as a complete surprise to all members who, after some discussion, passed to other business, Liberals intimating that they would introduce the amendment later as a new clause—a procedure which the Chairman intimated he would consider in order, although there is a possibility that the Parliamentary guillotine will fall before it is ever reached.

In any case, settlement of the point at issue was reached shortly before the House of Commons met in further conference between the Liberal Leaders and Members of the Government. The Prime Minister a little later informed Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party that the Liberals had re-drafted their amendment in a form which, subject to reconsideration of certain details, the Government could accept.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Unless advised to the contrary, Mr. Shinwell and Dr. Drummond Shiels will be flying to London to attend the critical division on the Land Tax in the House of Commons this evening.

Mr. Shinwell and Dr. Drummond Shiels have been advised that their presence in London is not required, therefore they are remaining in Geneva.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Liberal Party's critical amendment to the Government's land taxation proposals is due for debate and division in the House of Commons to-night. There is still a possibility that the Government may be defeated. In such a case, a General Election would seem to be inevitable.

In some quarters, however, it is believed that the re-drafted Liberal amendment, which was adopted by a majority at a hastily summoned meeting late last night, offers prospects of overcoming the difficulties.

The Cabinet, which immediately met, remained in session until 11.30 and then adjourned. A further Cabinet meeting was held this morning. A full meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, at which the Ministers will attend and express their views on the amendment, has been summoned for this afternoon.

The crisis has reference to a clause of the Finance Bill now in the committee stage in the House of Commons, as to which the Liberal party decided it had a right to withdraw its amendment and substitute for it a modified amendment. The effect of the new amendment, which is somewhat technical in form, is stated to be that, generally speaking, fully developed property would still be exempt from Land Tax. It was this amendment which was communicated to the Prime Minister last night, and laid before the meeting of the Cabinet, and it remains the basis of to-day's negotiations.—British Wireless Service.

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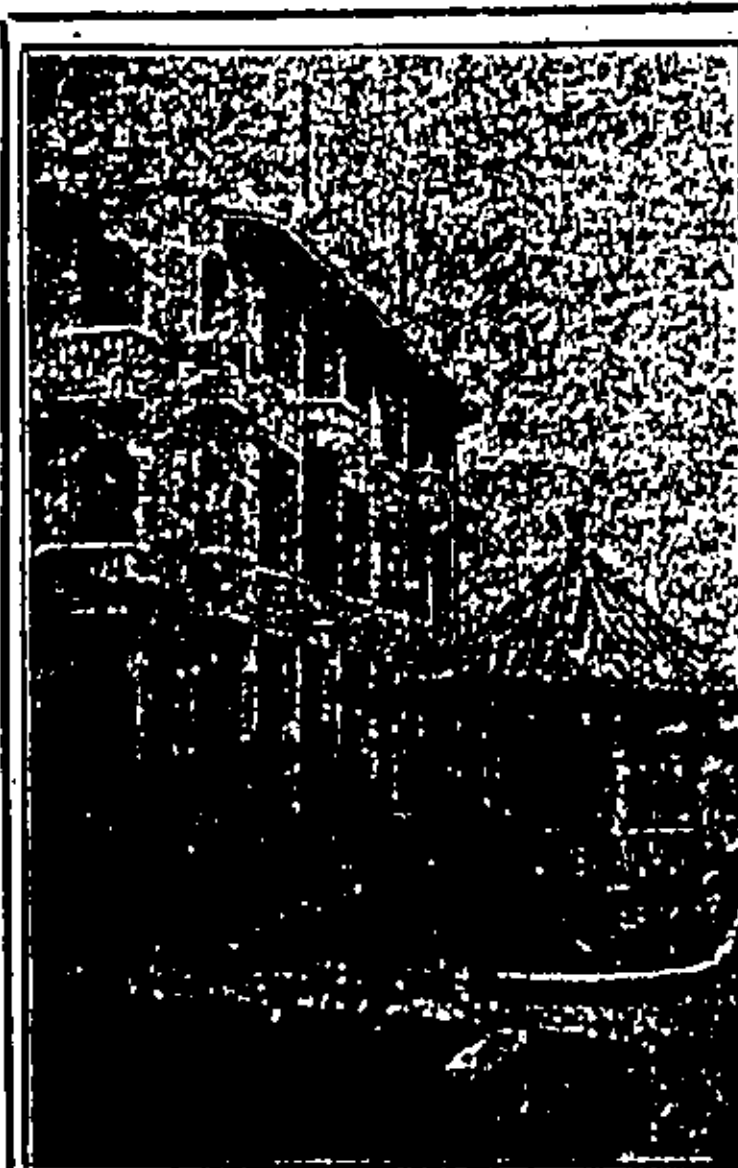
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COMPANY MEETINGS**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING** of the
Company will be held at the
Office of the General Managers,
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong,
on **WEDNESDAY, the 17th June,**
1931, at Noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors, passing the Accounts, and
Electing Directors and Auditors.
The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the
Company will be **CLOSED** from
the 10th June to 1st July, 1931,
both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Hong Kong, 27th May, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES**NOTICE.**

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Hong Kong, June 11, 1931.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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TENDERS are invited up to the
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Full particulars of the vessel
and conditions of sale, and per-
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the tenders has been reached.

The vessel will be on view at
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The vessel is sold without
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2, 6, 8, & 10	Star Ferry	10 cts.	5 cts.
2, 6, 8, & 10	Star Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
6, 8 & 10	Star Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
8	Star Ferry	20 cts.	10 cts.
6 & 10	Star Ferry	20 cts.	10 cts.
10	Star Ferry	20 cts.	10 cts.
2	Star Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
2	Star Ferry	20 cts.	10 cts.
2	Star Ferry	20 cts.	10 cts.
2, 6, 8, & 10	Pakhoi Street	10 cts.	5 cts.
6, 8 & 10	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
8	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
6 & 10	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
10	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
2	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
2	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
2	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
6, 8 & 10	Argyle Street	10 cts.	5 cts.
8	Argyle Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
6 & 10	Argyle Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
10	Argyle Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
2	Argyle Street	10 cts.	5 cts.
2	Argyle Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
2	Argyle Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
8	Jen. Edward Rd.	10 cts.	5 cts.
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3 & 4	Ma Tau Kok Rd.	10 cts.	5 cts.
4	Yaumati Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
4	Yaumati Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
4	Yaumati Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
4	U.S.R.C.	10 cts.	5 cts.
4	U.S.R.C.	15 cts.	10 cts.
4	U.S.R.C.	15 cts.	10 cts.
3 & 4	Ma Tau Kok Rd.	10 cts.	5 cts.
5	Star Ferry	10 cts.	1st class only

MONTHLY TICKETS Adults \$9.00
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COMMENCING JULY 1st, 1931.

Route Nos.	SECTIONS.	1st class	2nd class
1 & 12	Star Ferry	10 cts.	5 cts.
1 & 12	Star Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
1 & 12	Star Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
1 & 12	Pakhoi Street	10 cts.	5 cts.
1 & 12	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
1 & 12	Argyle Street	10 cts.	5 cts.
7	Star Ferry	10 cts.	5 cts.
7	Star Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
7	Star Ferry	15 cts.	10 cts.
7	Pakhoi Street	10 cts.	5 cts.
7	Pakhoi Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
7	Argyle Street	10 cts.	5 cts.
7	Argyle Street	15 cts.	10 cts.
7	Pr. Edward Rd.	10 cts.	5 cts.
11	To Kwa Wan	15 cts.	10 cts.
11	To Kwa Wan	15 cts.	10 cts.
11	To Kwa Wan	20 cts.	10 cts.
11	U.S.R.C.	10 cts.	5 cts.
11	U.S.R.C.	15 cts.	10 cts.
11	U.S.R.C.	15 cts.	10 cts.
11	Yaumati Ferry	10 cts.	5 cts.
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The following unclaimed tele-
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mark:
—Honabestco, from Shanghai.
H. EFFERSOE,
Asst. Superintendent.
Hong Kong, June 10, 1931.

The following unclaimed tele-
grams are lying at the E.E. Tele-
graph Co. Office, Hong Kong:
—Almon, from Hampstead.
—Anderson, Huntington, Stubbs
Road, from London.
—Balfour, University, from Burn-
ham Market.
—Rita Wylie, Empress Lodge, Kow-
loon, from Kensington, N.S.W.
S. LACK,
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Hong Kong, June 11, 1931.

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HEIAN MARU	Tuesday, 28th July.
HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 28th July.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 27th June.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
YASUKUNI MARU	Saturday, 25th July.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Saturday, 27th June.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 27th June.
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 27th June.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Saturday, 27th June.
HAOKODATE MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
TANGO MARU	Saturday, 11th July.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	Tuesday, 30th June.
GINYO MARU	Tuesday, 30th June.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Monday, 13th July.
TATSUNO MARU	Monday, 13th July.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stambul (Constantinople), Genoa.	Sunday, 19th July.
DURBAN MARU	Sunday, 19th July.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Monday, 29th June.
MORIOKA MARU	Monday, 29th June.
GENOA MARU	Tuesday, 7th July.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Thursday, 18th June.
AKITA MARU	Thursday, 18th June.
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SUWA MARU	Saturday, 27th June.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, Thence to Rio de Janeiro & Santos via Singapore & Colombo.	Montevideo Maru	Fri., 26th June
MOMBA SA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ESS-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN, THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO & SANTOS via Singapore & Colombo.	La Plata Maru	Mon., 20th July
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, Japan Ports (Frequent Services).	Manila Maru	Mon., 6th July
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Brisbane Maru	Mon., 6th July
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama, Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Nitte Maru	Thurs., 18th June
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Seattle Maru	Wed., 24th June
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Paris Maru	Tues., 14th July
HAIKONG via Haiphong & Pukhoi (Fortnightly).	Tokai Maru	Wed., 9th July
KEELING via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Argun Maru	Fri., 19th June
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Hamburg Maru	Thurs., 18th June
	Menado Maru	Thurs., 25th June
	Canton Maru	Sun., 21st June
	Hozan Maru	Sun., 28th June
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ITALIAN SEAMEN.

NEW CHARTER FROM FASCIST CONFEDERATION.

The National Fascist Confederation of Seamen has issued a statement explanatory of the new engagement contract for Italian seamen, described as the Labour Charter.

One of the articles in the charter lays it down that all collective contracts must contain—avoid being null and void—precise standards regarding disciplinary relations, the period of probation, the measure and payment of wages. All the matters relating to the principal points of the contract have now been settled in a uniform manner, based on the tonnage of the vessels and the traffic on which they are usually employed. Two categories have therefore been established, the first for vessels under 1,600 gross tons sailing within the limits of the Mediterranean, and the second for all others. The reliefs accorded to vessels of the second category have only been agreed upon for a provisional period of one year.

The article regarding salaries and payment for extra work has been fully applied, but the special features of the maritime industry have rendered necessary the provision of a formula to conform with the text of the article which grants the right of one day's rest to correspond with Sunday. By a new provision, seamen will be entitled to annual holidays to the extent of six to eight days yearly. The charter also stipulates that the seaman who has successfully passed his period of probation has the right to consider himself bound sine die to the firm with which he obtains employment, and to receive, in consequence, in case of cancellations of the contract through no fault of his own, a discharge indemnity as well as to have notice of discharge.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, June 15.
Yuan Lee, Chinese str., 1,661 tons.
Capt. A. Kraukle, from Swatow, buoy No. 816—Yuen Seng Fat.

Tuesday, June 16.
Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons.
Capt. D. S. Pethick, from Canton, buoy No. 822—J. M. & Co.
Japara, Dutch str., 2,361 tons, Capt. E. N. J. Jentink, from Samarinda, Yaumati Anchorage—J.C.J.L.

Kumsang, British str., 5,227 tons.
Captain J. H. Ferguson, from Calcutta, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Mentor, British str., 4,772 tons.
Capt. G. H. Salter, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Nanchang, British str., 1,488 tons.
Capt. H. Settle, from Swatow, buoy No. 814—B. & S.

President Johnson American str., 15,543 tons, Capt. D. C. Austin, from San Francisco, Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Ryujin Maru, Japanese str., 902 tons, Captain Y. Wakui, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage—Y. Sato & Co.

Santhia, British str., 4,841 tons, Captain Fred L. Bell, from Kobe, buoy No. A1—M. M. & Co.

Tecumseh, British str., 4,247 tons, Capt. C. Johnson, from San Pedro, Laichikok Anchorage—Standard Oil Co.

342 DROWNED.

DISASTER TO EXCURSION STEAMER.

BRITISH SYMPATHY.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister in a message of sympathy to the French Prime Minister on the disaster to the excursion steamer Saint Philibert, which foundered and sank in the estuary of the Loire on Sunday, says: "I am deeply grieved to hear of your terrible disaster. My colleagues and I send you our profound sympathy in the loss of so many lives in such tragic circumstances."

The latest information states that 342 excursionists lost their lives in the disaster. Sixty-nine bodies of victims had been recovered up to last night—British Wireless Service.

WINDJAMMERS' RACE.

Herzogin Cecilie Home From Australia In 92 Days.

The four-masted ship Herzogin Cecilie arrived at Falmouth in mail week, being the first home in the race for windjammers from Australia to the United Kingdom. She has taken 92 days. Last year, when the Pommeron won, the Herzogin Cecilie took 110 days, and her previous quickest passage was 96 days in 1928. It was remains to be seen if her time can be beaten by any of her competitors in the contest.

In charge of S. Ericksson, who is only 27 years of age and is the youngest skipper of the fleet, the Herzogin Cecilie left Wallaroo with a cargo of wheat on January 23. She had a fairly good voyage to Cape Horn of 40 days, as against 32 last year. Then the trade winds were favourable to the Azores, where she ran into a calm and drifted for five days. Off the Azores she sighted a four-masted barque, believed to be Viking, which had had a start of 25 days.

The Herzogin Cecilie in one day during the voyage did 360 miles in 24 hours, covering 17½ miles in one hour. She has won the race six times, and her crew hope that this is her seventh success.

SWEDISH TANKER ON FIRE.

Abandoned In The Atlantic.

The Swedish motor tanker Castor (8,713 gross tons) has been abandoned on fire in the Atlantic. The vessel, which carried petroleum in bulk, was on a voyage from Curacao for Lisbon.

Valencia wireless station, states Lloyd's, picked up the following message from the British steamer Fordsdale, at 9.3 a.m. G.M.T.: American steamer Excalibur proceeding assistance of Swedish motor vessel Castor, abandoned. Ship's position lat. 39.47 N., long. 21.44 W.

The Castor, built at Malmo in 1928, was owned in Trelleborg.

CLYDE SHIPBUILDING.

Unemployment Doubled During The Year.

Evidence of the depressed state of shipbuilding on Clydeside is found in the fact that the output figures for Clyde yards during April totals only 8,550 tons, compared with over 28,000 tons launched in April of last year. The output for the first four months of the year shows a drop of nearly 90,000 tons when compared with last year's corresponding period. Few orders have been booked during the month and the percentage of unemployment has almost doubled during the last 12 months.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Odin—in dock.
Olympus—Kowloon dock.
Otus—in dock.
Parthian—Kowloon dock.
Seamew—South wall.
Sterling—in dock.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—North arm.
Foreign.
Hal Helig—Chinese cruiser.
Vigilante—French gunboat.

NEW SUBMARINES COMING.

London, Yesterday. The submarines Orpheus and Phaulk have left Portsmouth for China to join the new Fourth Flotilla—Butler.

IDLE SHIPYARDS.

RECORD DEARTH OF ORDERS.

All the shipyard Trade Unions were represented at a conference called by the employers to discuss the plight of the industry, in mail week.

Mr. A. L. Ayre, President of the Shipbuilding Employers' Federation, stated that the orders for new ships received in the March quarter were lower than in any similar period since the advent of steel ships. Federation returns showed that 87 per cent. of the shipbuilding firms did not receive a single order in February, and 95 per cent. did not get an order in March.

At the end of March 80 per cent. of the berths were unoccupied, 3 per cent. were occupied with work suspended, and 17 per cent. with work proceeding. A number of orders had recently been placed by the Admiralty, but when this work had been started, warship work in private yards would be only one-tenth of the amount in hand just before the War. Ship repairing work was also very slack.

It was also pointed out by Mr. Ayre that although the present situation, and the outlook for the immediate future, were most anxious, it would be a mistake to suppose that British shipbuilders despaired of better times or the ultimate return of prosperity to their industry. They urged, however, that to bring this about it would be necessary for all parties interested in the industry to display the same courage and determination as had enabled them to meet periods of difficulty in the past.

No specific proposals for reducing labour costs were laid before the conference, but hints were given that "time workers" wages needed revision, that more interchangeability of workmen in different trades was desirable, and that some of the extra allowances ought to be reviewed.

Mr. W. Sherwood, of the General Workers' Union, for the men, promised that the statement of the employers would receive the careful consideration of the Unions.

CROSSING ATLANTIC AT 85.

Sir George Hunter's Call To Young Men.

When Sir George Hunter, the well-known shipbuilder, who is eighty-five, left Southampton in the Aquitania for New York, Sir Walter Runciman, who is one year his junior, was present to see him off.

In an interview, Sir George said: "I am not going in anticipation of bringing back shipbuilding contracts. The business outlook is not bright and no silver lining is to be seen so far. A policy of rigid economy is needed to restore prosperity. As a country and in many cases as individuals we are spending our capital on daily expenses and are in fact living on our capital."

Concerning the young men of today, Sir George said: "I think they will have to make up their minds to work harder than they do at present, but I believe they will adapt themselves if they are not misled in the direction of Socialism or by too much optimism. In other words, if they live without hard work they will go wrong."

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Calcutta and Straits	Takada
THURSDAY, JUNE 18	
Sandakan	Tjipanas
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, May 21 and Parcels, May 14)	Rawalpindi
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru
FRIDAY, JUNE 19	
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, May 30)	Ranpura
Japan	Tjilivong
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, May 30)	President Lincoln
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, May 23)	Chichibu Maru
SATURDAY, JUNE 20	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjikembang
SUNDAY, JUNE 21	
Manila	President Johnson
MONDAY, JUNE 22	
Shanghai and Japan	Chenonceaux
Japan	Ginyo Maru
TUESDAY, JUNE 23	
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., June 3)	Empress of Russia
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24	
Japan	Atsuta Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru
THURSDAY, JUNE 25	
Straits	Suwā Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17	
Amoy	Tai Yuan 8.30 p.m.
Semshui and Wuchow	Kwong Hung 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden and Egypt	Gange 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kum Sang 5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JUNE 18	
Halow Pakhoi and Halphong	Daviken 8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Dei Maru 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutz 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Tai Shan 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Salgon	Shun Chih 8.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changte (Due Thursday Island June 30.)
	Parcels June 18, 5 p.m.
	Registration June 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters June 19, 10.30 a.m.
FRIDAY, JUNE 19	
Japan	Kamo Maru 9.30 a.m.
Halow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Klungchow 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Ranpura (Due Marseilles, July 17.)
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Parcels	June 19, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	June 20, 9 a.m.
Letters	June 20, 10 a.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong 5 p.m.
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*SOMALI	6,800	8th Aug.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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*KARMALA	9,000	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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I should like to take this opportunity of expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Directors and shareholders for the excellent work done by the staff during the year.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for the year ended February 28, 1931, as presented, be adopted, and shall be glad if some shareholder will second the proposal. When this has been done I shall be pleased to answer any question shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., said:—

We have listened to the Chairman's speech with interest, and a study of the accounts as set before us shows us very fully the position of the Company.

It is a matter of congratulation that the Company now owns its own building, and this important factor will reflect to our advantage in succeeding years' accounts.

Some shareholders may regret that no dividend has been paid this year, but, in view of the great change in the Company's affairs through the purchase of Exchange Building, and the uncertain conditions of world trade and that of China in particular, I feel sure that the policy of the Directors in allowing for such ample depreciation and the application of \$30,000 towards General Reserve, is the correct one and must meet with our approval.

I trust that their new ventures and departments in King's Theatre Building will continue to prosper, and be of increasing profit to the Company.

I would like here, and I am sure all shareholders present will desire to be associated with me, to congratulate and thank the Directors, Secretary, and staff, on the excellent results shown in the period under review.

With these few remarks, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

Carried unanimously.
The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton was unanimously re-elected as Director on the proposal of Mr. C. Bernard Brown, seconded by Mr. S. M. Churn.

On the proposal of Mr. D. J. Goodall, seconded by Mr. E. J. Ainslie, Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected Auditors at a remuneration of \$1,750.

Supporting the Chairman were Messrs. J. P. Warren, E. M. Raymond, A. B. Stewart, T. E. Pearce and L. N. Murphy (Directors), and Mr. A. W. Brown (Secretary).

The shareholders present were Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., E. J. Ainslie, D. M. Goodall, S. M. Churn, D. K. Kharras, Ling Man- and Wong Hing-kwong.

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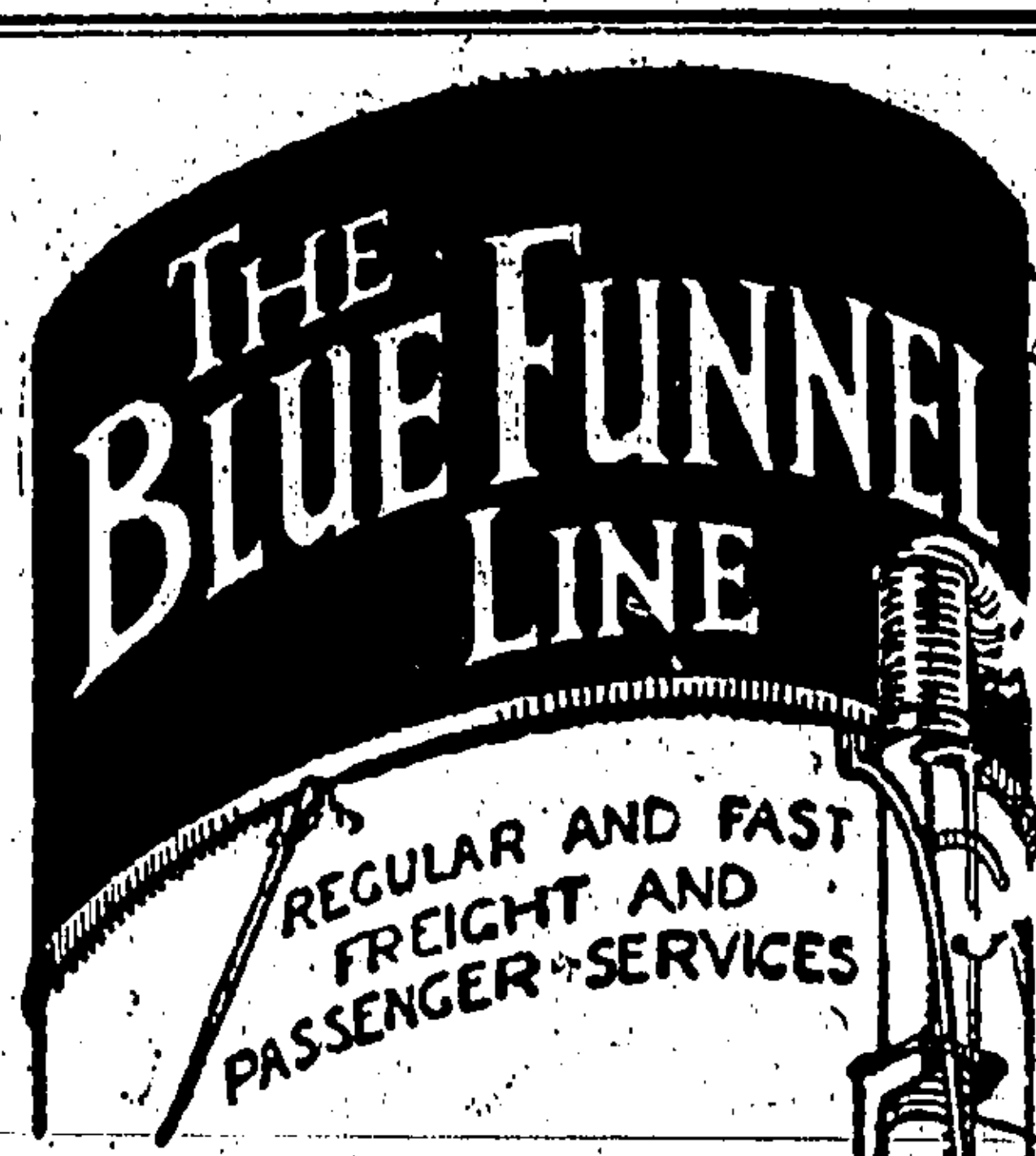
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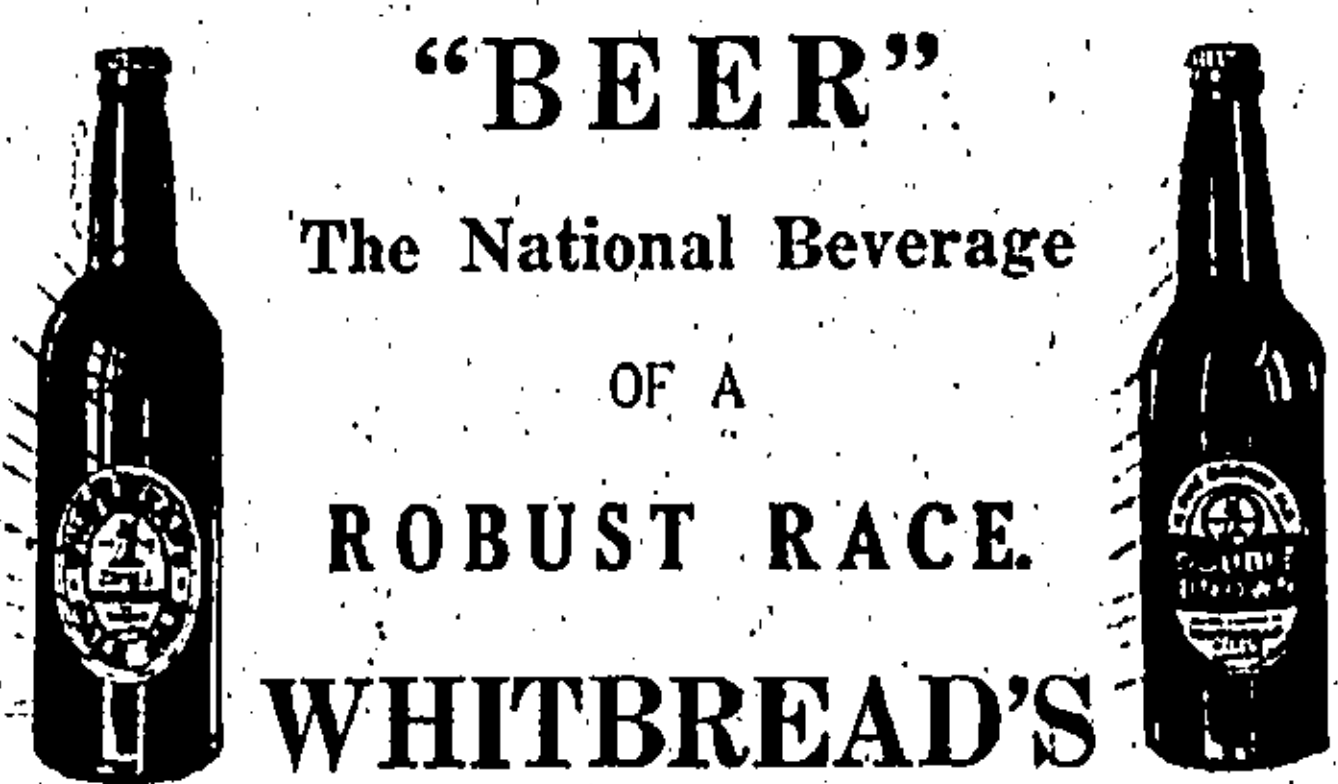
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Austrian Crisis.

A Cabinet crisis has been precipitated in Austria owing to opposition to the Finance Minister's proposal to guarantee £16,000,000 for the foreign debts of the Credit Anstalt. It may be recalled that the Credit Anstalt (Austrian Credit Institute for Commerce and Trade), the most important bank of Austria, from which about 60 per cent. of the whole of Austrian industries depend, was forced to declare to the Government that when drawing up the balance-sheet for 1930 an exceptional loss of 140 million schillings resulted. These losses were the consequence of the merging with the "Bodenkreditanstalt" which had been imposed on them. In order to avoid incalculable consequences and a financial catastrophe for the economic life of the whole of Austria, the Government was forced to start a relief action for this institute. While the share capital was simultaneously reduced by 25 per cent. the Bank was granted new means to such an extent that the losses incurred were wholly covered and the previous assets of 165 million schillings were not only re-established, but even increased. This sum was raised by the Federation which contributed one hundred million schillings, the National Bank and the House of Rothschild, who gave 80 million schillings each.

However, these official declarations may sound, they throw a searchlight on the situation of Austrian economics and the Austrian credit system, due to the dismemberment of the old unitary economic territory. The

Credit Anstalt, like the "Bodenkreditanstalt," whose tragedy we witnessed two years and a half ago, is asserted by Austrian statesmen to have become a victim of the Peace Treaties which, disregarding all economic presumptions, established a new Central Europe whose vitality was undermined. One robbed the old time-honoured industries of their markets and an act of economic destruction on a scale unknown hitherto was perpetrated. This peculiar situation of Austria was further enhanced by the universal economic crisis. Before the merging of the "Bodenkreditanstalt" the Credit Anstalt carried a number of failing undertakings in its wake, partly enterprises on a large scale which under the old conditions had had favourable conditions of production and sale, but who, when they lost the greatest part of their markets, got into difficulties necessarily. The trend of development with the Credit Anstalt was hastened recently by the collapse of a number of well-known firms, so that the losses totalled 140 million schillings.

The relief granted by the Government to the Credit Anstalt was not an affair of financial technicalities, or a relief action for shareholders, but it was rather a matter of far-reaching importance and significance for Austria. But it should be emphasised that it was not irresponsible or unlucky speculations which caused the upheaval of the Credit Anstalt. The image the situation reflects is rather that of thousands of other bigger and smaller Austrian enterprises, which have become victims of the economic crisis. The Credit Anstalt itself, recently emphasised the fact, in a communication to the Press, that the bank, once its reconstruction has taken place, foresees a favourable further development of the undertaking, confidently, because the results of its financial administration in the last few years, apart from the exceptional financial losses occurred, has been perfectly satisfactory and because far-reaching measures of economy in the administration of the bank which were being carried out allowed one to expect considerable economies.

The general public, which was completely taken by surprise by this event, accepted it without any show of panic, nor is there any reason for alarm abroad. It is true that the Austrian Press emphasises that foreign countries, now more than ever, have the moral and political duty to assist Austria in the first place

by making foreign creditors refrain from any precipitate action and allow the funds invested in Austria to continue to work unmolested. It is pointed out that the Credit Anstalt is not alone in the matter of reconstruction and that the history of finance knows a number of cases when banks after having to undertake a similar thorough operation, entered upon a new period of prosperity. They refer to the French "Landerbank" which after the Bonaparte disaster had a new period of success and in the same way the "Comptoir d'Escompte" and the "Amsterdamsche Bank" after critical incidents again regained their successful trend. Nevertheless the affairs of the Credit Anstalt are of importance far beyond the frontiers of Austria. The Finance Minister, Dr. Juch, in a recent interview with the Press, said that Austria had passed by the brink of a precipice and for the second time. But the experiment must not be repeated. Evidently his advice has been disregarded, to-day Austria is in the throes of another Cabinet crisis.

News in Brief.

It is advertised that there will be no dinner dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-day.

Mr. Allan Cameron and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie returned yesterday by the s.s. President Johnson.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 82°. At 10 a.m. the humidity was 76 and at 4 p.m. 80.

Members of the Jockey Club, are reminded of the general meeting to be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, to-day, at 5.15 p.m.

Silk forwarded from here by the Empress of Japan on May 23 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hokoken on June 15, having been 23 days in transit.

A bathing picnic organised by the European Branch of the Y.M.C.A. is arranged to take place this afternoon. Similar picnics are to be held on alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays until the end of July.

Nine months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Kee, at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, for returning to the Colony before the expiry of his banishment term. He was sent away for ten years in December last.

Pleading "guilty" to breaking and entering 69, Temple Street, during the night of June 15, and stealing a quantity of clothing, the property of a shopkeeper, Hui Wan-on was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day sent to jail for three months.

Cheung Shum, aged 39 years, who has been a patient in the Tung Wah Hospital Eastern Branch for nearly two weeks, committed suicide at 2.30 o'clock this morning, by hanging himself in a lavatory on the first floor.

Chan Chak (42), stated to be a lawyer, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday by his wife, suffering from scalds to his left hand, body and left leg. He was carrying two tins of boiling soup, when a pole snapped.

It is understood that the local branch of the Overseas League is arranging an "At Home" to be held early in August. The object is to get together more candidates for membership. Mrs. Hallifax is to be the hostess for the occasion, and it is hoped that Sir William and Lady Peel will be present.

In an attempt to end her life, Chan Tai-tai, (82), a woman living at 24, Shantung Street, first floor, jumped into the harbour from the steam launch "Man Tak" at about 11.30 o'clock last night. She was rescued by two seamen, Cheung Kan and Ng Chuen, and taken to the Government Civil Hospital but was not detained. She was later taken to the Central Police Station, and she will be sent to the S.C.A. to-day for enquiries.

Wong King-ying, a salesman, and Lai Kam, a shop fook, appeared before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Second Police Court yesterday afternoon charged with the larceny by bailie of \$55 worth of bookbinding and printing requisites from 129, Bonham Strand. First defendant was also charged with alleged embezzlement of \$72.69. The Magistrate decided there was no case against the second accused, and discharged him. The case against the first accused was adjourned, bail being reduced to \$350.

SHIPPING TROUBLES IN CHINA.

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This acute depression was intensified by the strict enforcement, from August 1, of the Chinese Immigration Restriction Ordinance of 1928 in the Federated Malay States. I would here explain that owing to serious unemployment in the Straits the Government of Malaya found it necessary to restrict immigration and under this arrangement our Company, together with other engaged regularly in the coolie passenger trade, were not allowed to carry more than a specified quota of male emigrants per month. These restrictions are still in force and as the coolie passenger trade to Singapore and Penang forms an important part of our business to these ports the effect of the restrictions has been a serious decline in our passenger earnings.

Increased Port Charges. When addressing you last year I referred to the tendency of Port Authorities to increase their charges without due consideration of the fact that Shipping was passing through a period of great depression, and I indicated that such efforts to increase Revenue might have the opposite effect by stifling shipping enterprise and industry. I regret that in spite of combined efforts to avoid such increased charges the year under review has brought further financial burdens in the shape of drastic surveys and higher scales of charges for buoy hire, light dues, Sunday and holiday permits, etc.

The serious decline in the value of Silver has had a disastrous effect upon the results of last year's working, the average rate of exchange for the year 1930 being 14/ 11/32d, as compared with 1/10 11/16d. in 1929.

So that the position may be clearly understood I would explain that the Company's earnings are mainly in depreciated silver, whereas a large proportion of its expenses, such as Home Leave Pay, Passages, Pensions, European Floating Staff Wages, Insurance of the Fleet, etc., are in sterling or based on sterling. It can, therefore, be seen that the effect of a fall in exchange is to increase expenses without benefitting earnings which depend on the state of the freight market.

European Salaries. With regard to the salaries of the European Floating staff, I must explain that these were paid up to June 30 last on a basis of half at 1/9d. and half at current rate. In the early part of June last year the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China approached the China Navigation Co., and the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., requesting that the sterling rates of pay should be converted in full, from the beginning of June, at the exchange rate current on the last day of each month. As silver was still declining in value this request, which would have entailed very heavy additional expenditure, was one which your directors, after due consideration, felt could not be granted, and lengthy negotiations ensued with the result that it was ultimately agreed by the two companies to pay the salaries of their European Floating Staffs on a basis of half at 1/6d. and half at current rate, commencing from July 1 for a period of six months i.e., until December 31, 1930, at the end of which period the question was to be reconsidered.

Reductions General. On December 4 the Guild asked for an extension of this arrangement for a further period of six months. Your Directors were, however, by this time seriously concerned on account of the further fall in exchange as well as the absence of any sign of improvement in trade conditions, and whilst fully realising that not only the members of our Floating Staff, but practically everyone in the East was affected by the declining dollar, they felt—and with their decision I trust you will agree—that so far as the Indo-China S.N. Co. was concerned, the utmost that could be granted was an extension for three months only, i.e., until March 31, 1931, of the arrangement then in force.

On February 25 last, the Company accordingly notified the staff and the Guilds that on and after April 1, 1931, or as Articles expired, salaries would be paid in full in Hong Kong dollars on the basis of a 1/6d. exchange.

Revision Asked. It was the earnest hope of your directors that the staff would appreciate the existing difficulties and realise that, for a period of nine months a concession had been granted them which had entailed a very considerable additional expense upon the Company during a time of acute trade depression. Moreover, it must not be overlooked that other Shipping Companies in various parts of the world had been compelled to reduce the salaries of their staffs, and this, without the added handicap of depreciated Silver. In the case of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., however, the same sterling salaries are being paid to-day as were paid as far back as 1919, and other concessions such as Home Leave Pay, Return Passages for husbands, wives and two children up to the age of 17 years, Subsistence Allowance, Married Men's Allowance, Safe Navigation Bonus and Pensions still continue.

The Guilds, however, considered that the reduction to 1/6d. was too drastic a cut, and requested that the Company should revert to the basis of half at 1/9d. and half at current rate. This, however, did not effect the saving desired, the current rate having fallen to as low as 1/- and even less. Negotiations are still in progress in connection with this matter, and, in the interests of the Company and the men themselves, I earnestly hope that wise counsels will prevail and a friendly conclusion be reached.

Stern Necessity. I need scarcely add that no-one more than the Directors and the General Managers, regrets the necessity for the reduction as they have a very real appreciation of the effect it has upon all concerned, none better than the latter's staff which has been on a 1/6d. basis since last September. Present conditions of shipping and trade generally, however, are such, and the future so uncertain, that drastic economy is a vital necessity. To offset as far as possible the increased outlay due to low exchange, tariff rates of freight, as well as passage rate, were, in conjunction with other Conference Lines, raised whenever and wherever possible. Strict attention has been paid to rigid economy and every possible effort made to reduce expenditure to an absolute minimum.

Due to her general unsuitability for the Company's present day requirements, and the prohibitive cost of reconditioning, the s.s. Mingsang, a vessel 24 years' old, was sold in August—unfortunately, at a loss on her book value. To retain her would have entailed a heavier loss, and with no prospect of employing her to advantage your directors considered it advisable to dispose of her at the best price obtainable.

New River Steamer. The new river steamer Paoow, built by the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., was launched at Shanghai in August and since commencing her employment on the Shanghai-Ichang Line has proved a valuable acquisition to the Company's Fleet. Apart from her most satisfactory cargo-carrying facilities she has excellent first-class and intermediate accommodation, which should appeal to the travelling public.

With the exception of the regrettable stranding of the s.s. Kutsang, outside Hong Kong on December 17 last, the Company was free from serious accidents, and although I have already made special reference to the company's employees serving on the Yangtze, I desire also to thank all members of the company's staff, both ashore and afloat, for their loyal co-operation during an admittedly difficult year.

Accounts. Turning to the Accounts, it will be seen from the Revenue Account that in addition to the loss on Working of steamers, amounting to \$16,157. 18. 3d., Floating Staff Pensions, and Interest show an increase in 1930 of \$1,238. 0. 6d. and \$5,831. 7. 9d. respectively over the 1929 figures. After allowing for Depreciation and Liabilities, etc., it has been found necessary to transfer the sum of \$138,000—from Contingency Reserve to cover the loss on Revenue Account, leaving the sum of \$407. 18. 2d. to be carried forward to the year 1931.

With regard to Depreciation written off for the year 1930, the company's auditors have drawn the attention of your directors to the Book Value of the Fleet, which is considerably above present day values and they are of the opinion that part of the Reserves should be allocated in further Capital Depreciation of the Fleet which is valued at cost, less Depreciation based on the life of the various Units.

A Difficult Problem. Now, gentlemen, to reduce Book Values with a view to bringing them down to the level of present market, or realisable values, presents a very difficult problem for the simple reason that the latter are practically non-existent due to the enormous amount of idle tonnage in the world, and such values would, therefore, only be based upon unreliable or fictitious estimates. This very point was aptly covered by one of our learned

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Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of June 17, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6.

The funeral takes place at Happy Valley at 5 p.m. to-day, of Mr. Peter Saunders, chief officer of the s.s. Rywaphing, of which Messrs. Nemaes & Co. are the charterers, who died at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday morning from heat stroke.

ARMAMENT FIRMS' POST-WAR WORK

How Vickers-Armstrong Have Fared.

NEW MARKETS CAPTURED.

Turn-Over From War to Peace Needs.

Successful efforts made by British armament firms since the termination of the World War, to convert their machinery to the uses of peace, were outlined by Mr. W. G. A. Turner, A.M.I.C.E., at the weekly luncheon of the Hong Kong Rotarians yesterday.

Mr. Turner, who is connected with the firm of Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., is agent for the construction and installation of the Green Island Cement Company's new plant. In the course of his address he remarked that this contract was one of the largest ever secured in the Far East by a British firm.

"FRESH FIELDS OF ENDEAVOUR."

The speaker's own firm was taken as an example to point the case. Many people, no doubt wondered what had happened to the armament firms since the war, said Mr. Turner, who went to point out that it had been necessary to seek new avenues of production. Vickers-Armstrong had tackled the problem, and although for years the man in the street had associated the name of Vickers with arms only, during recent years the firm had turned out some of the finest equipment in the world for all types of vessels, including the machinery.

New Markets.

During the last twelve years Vickers had obtained a place in world's markets that were formerly considered outside their scope. They had successfully turned to commercial shipbuilding and engineering, and had been most successful during an admittedly difficult period.

Prior to and during the Great War nothing but armament work had been undertaken, commercial work being left severely alone. There was thus a very serious reaction when hostilities ceased, and it was evident some other class of work would have to be taken on to augment the very meagre orders for armaments.

Vickers, at Barrow, found their plant suitable to adaptation to commercial shipbuilding. With this end in mind, expert advice was employed, and a business gradually built up. Much research had been made, and many important experiments conducted, as a further result.

Mr. Turner went on to mention some of the ships built for various shipping lines by Vickers-Armstrong, the great majority at Barrow-in-Furness. These included two ships for the Australian Commonwealth Line, liners for the Orient Line (such as the Orontes), three others for the Cunard Line, and a vessel for the Union Steamship Company.

Ships for the C.P.R. Of interest locally, perhaps were the two new vessels now being built for the Canadian Pacific Company, the Strathaird and Strathnaver. These vessels were of turbo-electric propulsion, and would accommodate 1,200 passengers. Besides this Vickers were engaged upon a "luxury liner" named the Monarch of Bermuda for the Furness-Withy Line which would run from the West Indies to America. This ship was designed especially for "luxury" traffic, as indicated by the fact that although it was of 20,000 tons burthen, accommodation was provided for 800 passengers only. The vessel was to be fitted up in sumptuous and most up-to-date fashion.

Another vessel, small but interesting, built by Vickers-Armstrong, was the s.s. Kedah, for the Straits Steamship Company, that had so impressed a passenger that he had ordered another ship precisely similar!

Marine Developments.

In the field of marine engineering, Vickers-Armstrong had concentrated upon the manufacture of improved types of reciprocating engines, marine turbines, and boilers. Oil engines were also made, and several ships equipped with them. In addition a new type of toothed gear had been evolved for reduction between the turbine-driven shaft and propeller shaft on ships. Many commercial vessels, besides the British Admiralty, were now using this gear, which effected definite economies in the all-important factor of weight.

Engineering essentials on land had not been lost sight of, either, and Vickers-Armstrong had developed a double-acting gas engine which utilised the waste gases produced in plants ashore, so as to produce electric power.

One of the industries, or branches of it, providing the widest scope, however, said Mr.

Turner, was the manufacture of machinery for making Portland Cement. The works of Vickers-Armstrong at Barrow were eminently suitable for production of machinery of this type, which was particularly heavy, in fact the heaviest of all. In this connection four rotary kilns that were 226 feet long and 26 feet in diameter had been supplied to British firms. Mills for grinding had also been manufactured for firms both at home and abroad.

Local Installation.

Mr. Turner went on to deal briefly with the machinery to be installed under the contract with the Green Island Cement Company in Hong Kong. A feature was the great care taken to prevent emanation of dust round the works. To this end patent filters had been installed, also improved processes in the kiln house so as to effectually remove all dust borne by the kiln gases. The purchasers, in short, could rely upon getting a completely dust-proof plant, with a guaranteed output of 100,000 tons of cement per annum. The two rotary kilns installed would weigh 382 tons each when working, and each would revolve once in about 50 seconds, only 60 h.p. being used to do the work. The kilns were each 254 feet long and 11ft. 6in. in diameter.

Giant Rock-Crusher.

Mr. Turner, dealing with other post-war developments of his firm, instanced a rock-crusher of the "jaw" type, as supplied to a firm in Derbyshire, which would take stones roughly six feet by four feet, and turn out six-inch pieces at the rate of five tons per minute. It weighed 140 tons.

Another interesting branch of industry, and a considerable one, was the manufacture of aeroplane engine cylinders. This venture had proved very successful, a large market having been obtained. The same remarks applied to the firm's manufactures of mining and oil well equipment. Amongst other manufactures was a new type of pump, especially suitable for conditions where there was only a low head of water. It had proved particularly successful in irrigation work, in Egypt and elsewhere. Besides all this, Vickers-Armstrong had a large market for equipment for modern power plants.

Wonderful New Alloy.

"Finally, Mr. Turner mentioned research by which a new non-ferrous alloy had been discovered. It was named P.M.G., and was suitable for valves, etc., where bronze and other material had formerly been used. An Admiralty test of a valve made of this alloy had shown a pressure of 4,700 lb. per square inch before the valve burst. There had been no leakage before.

Mr. Turner also referred to giant steel and iron castings turned out by Vickers-Armstrong.

"St. John" Flag Day.

Prior to the address, the Hon. W. E. L. Shenton, who took the chair in the temporary absence from the Colony of Sir William Hornell, the President, referred to the Flag Day to be held in aid of St. John Ambulance on Wednesday, June 24. The Rotary Club had been asked to take charge of twelve collecting stations in the centre of the City. The duties were from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and fifty lady collectors were urgently required. Rotarians were therefore asked to interview their lady friends, and to send their names and addresses to Rotarian F. H. Crispell, at the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, by the first post on Thursday next.

ASIAN FLIGHT

Count and Countess De Sibur took off at 5.55 a.m. for Kowloon on the first stage of a flight across Asia. Reuter.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

GRETA GARBO IN A NEW TALKIE.

"INSPIRATION."

For the fourth time, Lewis Stone heads Greta Garbo's supporting cast in "Inspiration," her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle now playing at the Queen's Theatre.

Stone first played with Garbo in "A Woman of Affairs," following this with "Wild Orchids" and the recent "Romance." In the new Garbo picture, directed by Clarence Brown, Stone again portrays the role of a staunch friend to whom she comes in a moment of sorrow.

Robert Montgomery has the romantic lead in the glamorous picture and the cast includes Marjorie Rameau, Judith Vosselli, Beryl Mercer, John Miljan and Joan Marsh.

PRINCESS AND PLUMBER.

Farrell's noisy arrival in the little one-horse town of Daritzia. The mutual misunderstanding when Farrell meets Miss O'Sullivan, he thinking she is a peasant girl and she believing he is a duke.

Their subsequent astonishment when he finds she is a princess and she learns he is a plumber. The big hunting party, when Miss O'Sullivan, deciding to meet Farrell at the lodge and have an explanation, chooses the wrong companion by mistake, with Roach arriving in time to prevent Prival from forcing his attentions on the princess.

When Miss O'Sullivan and Farrell come to an understanding only to realise the insuperable obstacle of getting the Prince's consent. Prival's unique revenge for his discomfiture on his return to Paris.

Roach's predicament when he receives the prince's astonishing alternatives of marrying Miss O'Sullivan at once, or being shot—and he is already married! Warner's unexpected arrival at the castle to superintend the commanded marriage.

Farrell's bewilderment when Warner, mistaking him for Roach, repeats his demand for an immediate ceremony—and the boy seizes on this heaven sent opportunity!

The complications involved in keeping Warner from learning of his mistake until the marriage is over.

The departure of the two young people in Roach's plane.

"BALACLAVA."

The undying memory of the glorious page in the history of the British Army is stirred by "Balacava," a Gainsborough picture showing at the Central Theatre. The Charge of the Light Brigade, one of those tragic errors which make military history live long, is reconstructed with a wealth of detail and actuality only possible in a country with such traditions as ours. Moreover, such a picture could not have been successfully produced without the active co-operation of the War Office. The military authorities afforded the producers every assistance, and Maurice Elvey, who directed the picture, was able with the troops placed at his disposal in the Long Valley at Aldershot to re-enact the stirring Charge of October, 1854.

"Balacava" doesn't entirely rely upon the masterly reconstruction of

the Charge of the Light Brigade for its entertainment. The feature is, of course, the high light of the picture, but a pleasing romance leads up to the Charge. We also see a reconstruction of the famous "Thin Red Line" incident in which Colin Campbell's 93rd Highlanders withstood a massed attack by Russian Cavalry and beat them off. "Balacava" bristles with good points; is a British picture of sterling merit, and outstanding qualities, which we recommend film goers not to miss.

"NO LIMIT."

A brand-new controversy is raging in Hollywood.

The film capital is divided into those who shriek "Never" and those who whisper "Perhaps" to the question—should film stars approve the latest Parisian vogue for transparent evening gowns that permit an unhampered view of feminine limbs?

Clara Bow, who takes sides with the affirmatives, displays the transparent mode in her latest picture, "No Limit," which comes to the King's Theatre to-morrow. "Every one has seen our legs on the beach, Summer after Summer. Why should we suddenly become so conscious of them a few hours later when we don an evening gown?" asks the famous red head.

"TABU."

Of all the improvements Hong Kong has certainly done well in the showing of the newest talking pictures. It certainly sounds exaggerated in saying that this Colony is able to screen a picture in June, which is known to have been released only in May the same year. Well, this will be a fact if the Central Theatre is really showing "TABU" within this month as announced.

Ever on the alert for "something different" in the screen entertainment with which to tempt the jaded appetites of the public fed up with the synthetic marvels of the studio. Paramount has acquired the distribution rights to a flawless little motion picture gem in "Tabu," which was released in May this year. Central Theatre is on the watch and has succeeded in securing the right to show it in Hong Kong. This picture will arrive here this week.

It may sound a little flowery to describe it as "a golden romance of uncivilised love in a South Sea island paradise," but that's a fitting description, nevertheless. Made by Messrs. Murnau and Flaherty, two directors whose names have been associated in the past with a member of artistic box office success, "Tabu" has all the freshness and charm and human interest which only reality can give. Watch the Central Theatre announcement for its opening date.

"REDUCING."

If you were a little boy or girl, how would you like to get paid \$7.50 a day to stay out of school and do nothing but throw eggs and tomatoes at a running man?

This is exactly what happened to a group of fifty Los Angeles children during the making of "Reducing" the new Marie Dressler-Polly Moran co-starring comedy which will be the attraction at the Queen's Theatre, starting on Sunday.

There is a scene in this comedy of errors about a beauty parlour, in which Polly Moran's chauffeur gets "in wrong" with a group of tenement youngsters. He is forced out of his limousine and chased

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To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Inspiration."
To-day—Central Theatre;
"Balacava."
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"The Mighty."
To-day—World Theatre;
"Hell's Angels."
To-day—Star Theatre;
"What a Man!"

Home Mails.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Rawalpindi); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Taishan), 2.30 p.m.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Rampura).

Saturday—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 10 a.m.; for Europe via Marseilles (Rampura), 10.30 a.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.
To-morrow—Metropole Hotel furniture, 22, Ice House Street, 10.30 a.m.

June 23—24—Messrs. Sennet Freres' Surplus stocks, York Building, 10.30 a.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 9.

Miscellaneous.
Friday—Lecture by Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, University, 8.30 p.m.

ed down the street under an egg-tomato barrage.

Of course the boys and girls concerned did not really miss school for during periods between scenes they were taught by a regular Los Angeles teacher, employed for the purpose. But they didn't have to attend classes in a schoolroom that day and they were permitted to toss eggs and tomatoes to their heart's content.

CATHOLIC CLASH.

REPUBLICAN HOSTILITY IN SPAIN.

Madrid, Yesterday.

A train from Pamplona bound for Saragossa, conveying a thousand Roman Catholics who had been participating in a meeting at Pamplona, where speeches were made attacking the Government's alleged anti-clerical policy, ran the gauntlet of angry Republican crowds at every railway station through which it passed.

Stones were thrown and the windows broken, and fierce shouts of "Live the Republic!" from the crowds on the railway platforms answered cries of "Live Christ the King!" and other Catholic slogans. Finally the Catholics left the train at Castejon to escape the hostility of the Republicans.—Reuter.

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MEAD EQUALS GRACE'S RECORD

LEAGUE TENNIS RESULTS.

FOUR MATCHES PLAYED.
H.K.C.C. Hold C.R.C. to a Draw.

K.C.C. ROUTED.

Further progress was made in the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis League yesterday when four matches were decided. The Hong Kong Cricket Club are to be congratulated on their unexpected draw with the strong Chinese Recreation Club side. Other matches resulted as were anticipated. Full results were as follows:—

"A" DIVISION.

Visiting the Chinese Recreation Club courts the H.K.C.C. forced a draw in the "A" Division encounter, each side scoring 4½ points.

Scores:—
Ng Sze-kwong and Iu Tak-lam (H.K.C.C.)—
lost to Holmes and Sullivan 4-6
lost to Humphreys and Owen 4-6
Hughes—
drew with Sewell and Marcelli 6-6
Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit (C.R.C.)—
beat Holmes and Sullivan 6-0
beat Humphreys and Owen 6-1
Hughes—
beat Sewell and Marcelli 6-2
M. W. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung (C.R.C.)—
lost to Holmes and Sullivan 5-7
lost to Humphreys and Owen 6-4
lost to Sewell and Marcelli 5-7

I.R.C. v. K.C.C.

At Sookunpoo the Indian Recreation Club defeated the Kowloon C.C. by eight sets to one.

Scores:—
S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)—
beat E. C. and E. F. Fincher 6-1
beat A. E. Guest and Millard 6-1
beat F. Grose and W. Hyde 6-4
C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Cassumbhoy (I.R.C.)—
beat E. C. and E. F. Fincher 6-4
beat A. E. Guest and Millard 6-0
beat F. Grose and W. Hyde 6-0
A. R. Minu and O. Ismail (I.R.C.)—
lost to E. C. and E. F. Fincher 2-6
beat A. E. Guest and Millard 6-4
beat F. Grose and W. Hyde 7-5

"B" DIVISION.

The H.K.C.C. beat the Army Tennis Club by six sets to three.

Scores:—
H. Owen Hughes and Marcellis (H.K.C.C.)—
beat S. M. Atkinson and S. M. Mitchell 6-3
beat Capt. Thorpe and Col. Lecky 6-1
beat Major Kerrick and Capt. de Linde 6-2
Denderson and Monaghan (H.K.C.C.)—
lost to S. M. Atkinson and S. M. Mitchell 3-6
beat Capt. Thorpe and Col. Lecky 6-3
lost to Major Kerrick and Capt. de Linde 4-6
Stark and Bowker (H.K.C.C.)—
lost to S. M. Atkinson and S. M. Mitchell 3-6
beat Capt. Thorpe and Col. Lecky 6-4
beat Major Kerrick and Capt. de Linde 6-3

"C" DIVISION.

The Deutscher Club entertaining the Army Tennis Club lost by six sets to three.

Scores:—
May and Keyserling (D.C.)—
lost to Paul and Halford 4-6
lost to Stephenson and Lockham 2-6
lost to Jarman and Ward 5-7
Soltan and Neldt (D.C.)—
beat Paul and Halford 6-4
beat Stephenson and Lockham 7-5
beat Jarman and Ward 6-4
Jaeger and Foraita (D.C.)—
lost to Paul and Halford 3-6
lost to Stephenson and Lockham 2-6
lost to Jarman and Ward 2-6

MONDAY'S GAME.

The Civil Service C.C. entertained the South China A.A. and lost by 2½ sets to 6½.

Scores:—
V. H. Freeman and C. K. Anderson (C.C.C.)—
lost to Wong Fook-nam and Luk Chan-chang 4-6
lost to Ho Kim-wan and Lau Kwai-lan 2-6
beat Chan Kam-hung and Chan Kam-moon 7-5
H. E. Evans and H. J. Best (C.C.C.)—
lost to Wong Fook-nam and Luk Chan-chang 1-6
lost to Ho Kim-wan and Lau Kwai-lan 3-6
beat Chan Kam-hung and Chan Kam-moon 6-3
W. Foston and P. E. Matthews (C.C.C.)—
drew with Wong Fook-nam and Luk Chan-chang 6-6
lost to Ho Kim-wan and Lau Kwai-lan 2-6
lost to Chan Kam-hung and Chan Kam-moon 6-3

126TH CENTURY AT NORTHAMPTON.

KENT SET-BACK.

Gloucester Fail to Force a Win.
GALLANT SUSSEX.

London, Yesterday. Philip Mead, the Hampshire veteran, scored his 126th century at Northampton to-day, thus equalling the number of centuries compiled in first-class cricket by W. G. Grace. After being led on the first innings Hampshire participated in batting practice during their second venture and it was then that Mead scored 106 not out. He has been striving desperately for this distinction and earlier in the season registered scores of 99 against the New Zealanders and 93 against Warwickshire. Jack Hobbs is the only other batsman now to lead the Hampshire player in the compilation of centuries.

Kent received a check to their victorious progress when they allowed Lancashire to run up the huge first innings total of 430, but spirited batting by Hardinge placed them in a sound position at the conclusion of the game. It is curious that the Lancashire skipper, P. T. Ekersley, did not enforce the follow-on, but instead scored a further 168 runs. Had it been B. H. Lyon or F. G. H. Fender concerned, one would have had little doubt as to the course pursued.

The following were the most noteworthy batting and bowling feats accomplished during the week-end cricket programme:—

Batting.
Iddon (Lancs.) 153
Arnold (Hants.) 128*
V. W. C. Jupp (Northants) 128
Tyldesley (Essex) 120
Dacre (Gloucester) 119*
Hardinge (Kent) 111
Mead (Hants.) 106*
Kennedy (Hants.) 103
A. W. Carr (Notts) 102
Davies (D.) (Glamorgan) 93
* denotes not out.
Bowling.
Tyldesley (R.) (Lancs.) 7 for 52
Nichols (Essex) 7 for 55
Freeman (Kent) 6 for 179
Larwood (Notts) 6 for 64
Sheffield (Surrey) 5 for 35
Tate (Sussex) 5 for 46
Bones (Yorks) 5 for 57
Paine (Warwick) 5 for 75
Boyes (Hants.) 5 for 76
Mitchell (Derby) 5 for 97

Notts advanced one place in the championship table as the result of their victory over Middlesex at Lord's. Arthur Carr scored his second century of the season and Larwood again performed well with the ball.

Surrey played an exciting game with Sussex at Horsham and were rewarded by victory by 12 runs. Sussex conceded a lead of 82 runs on the first innings and were set 338 runs for victory. They made a gallant effort and were only twelve runs in arrears when the last wicket fell.

Gloucestershire as the result of a draw at Nuneaton dropped one place in the table. The New Zealanders played another drawn game at Derby and must by now be wondering how cricket thrives in England.

Full results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—

Notts beat Middlesex by 128 runs at Lord's.
Scores:—
Notts: 295 (A. W. Carr 102); 194 for 9 dec.
Middlesex: 174 (Larwood 6 for 64); 189.

FIRST CLASS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE TO DATE.

	1st Inn.	No.	Pos.
	P. W. L. W. L. Result	Pts.	Pts.
Kent (5)	10 6 1 1 1	1	150 102
Notts (4)	10 8 1 1 2	0	150 101
Gloucestershire (2)	11 5 2 2 1	0	145 93
Middlesex (10)	4 2 3 0 0	0	135 75
Lancashire (1)	10 8 2 2 2	0	150 86
Worcestershire (10)	10 8 2 2 1	1	150 62
Surrey (8)	11 2 1 4 4	0	165 62
Yorkshire (9)	8 2 1 2 0	3	120 52
Essex (9)	11 2 5 1 3	0	165 44
Derbyshire (9)	9 1 2 4 1	1	135 42
Sussex (7)	10 1 3 4 1	1	150 42
Hampshire (13)	9 1 1 3 4	2	135 40
Northamptonshire (17)	0 1 3 1 4	0	135 31
Leicestershire (12)	9 0 1 3 4	1	135 31
Glamorganshire (11)	8 1 3 0 2	2	120 29
Somersetshire (14)	9 1 4 0 4	0	135 27
Warwickshire (15)	9 0 4 2 1	2	135 21

The figures in brackets were the positions occupied by the counties at the close of the 1930 season. The method of scoring this year is as follows:—15 points for a win; 10 points for a tie; 5 points for a win on the first innings and 10 points for a win on the first innings; 4 points for a tie on the first innings and 4 points for a tie on the first innings; 4 points for a tie on the first innings and 4 points for a tie on the first innings.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA WINNING.

TWO SINGLES.

Denmark Fighting Pluckily.

DAVIS CUP RESULTS.

Copenhagen, Yesterday. In the semi-final round of the European Zone of the Davis Cup here to-day, Czecho-Slovakia won both singles matches against Denmark and are now well in the running for the final against Great Britain, the winners of which match will play the American Zone finalists for right of challenge to France, the holders of the Davis Cup.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows.

Menzel (Czecho-Slovakia) beat Ulrich (Denmark) 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.
Hecht (Czecho-Slovakia) beat Henriksen (Denmark) 6-8, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2, 11-9.

Surrey beat Sussex by 12 runs at Horsham.

Scores:—
Surrey: 195 (Tate 5 for 46); 255 for 8 dec.
Sussex: 113 (Sheffield 5 for 35); 325.

Lancashire took first innings points from Kent at Tynbridge.

Scores:—
Lancs.: 430 (Tyldesley (E.) 120, Iddon 153, Freeman 7 for 179);
168 for 5 dec.
Kent: 187 (Tyldesley (R.) 7 for 52);
265 for 3 (Hardinge 111).

Essex took first innings points from Somersetshire at Taunton.

Scores:—
Somerset: 212 (Nichols 7 for 55); 85 for 1.
Essex: 225.

Yorkshire took first innings points from Leicestershire at Sheffield.

Scores:—
Yorkshire: 263;
167 for 2 dec.
Leicester: 157 (Bones 5 for 57); 29 for 1.

Northamptonshire took first innings points from Hampshire at Northampton.

Scores:—
Hants.: 303 (Kennedy 103); 284 for 2 dec. (Arnold 128*, Mead 106*).
Northants: 331 (V. W. C. Jupp 128, Boyes 5 for 76);
22 for no wicket.

Worcestershire took first innings points from Glamorganshire at Worcester.

Scores:—
Worcester: 232;
132 for 3.
Glamorgan: 212 (Davies (D.) 93).

Gloucestershire took first innings points from Warwickshire.

Scores:—
Gloucester: 383 (Dacre 119*, Paine 5 for 75);
Warwick: 183;
151 for 3.

FRIENDLY.

Derbyshire drew with the New Zealanders at Derby.

Scores:—
Derby: 230; and 91 for 2.
New Zealanders: 296 (Mitchell 5 for 97);

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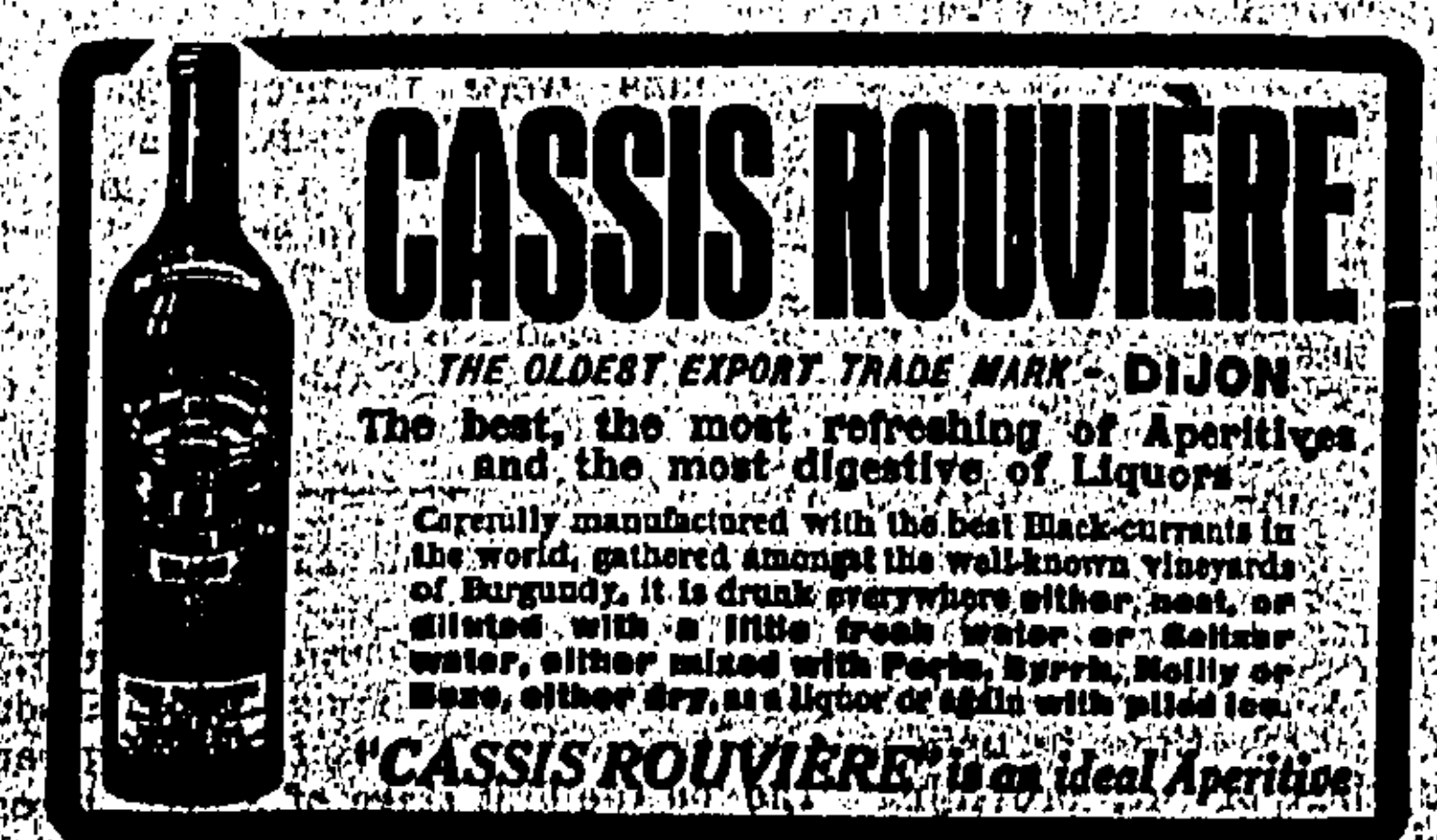


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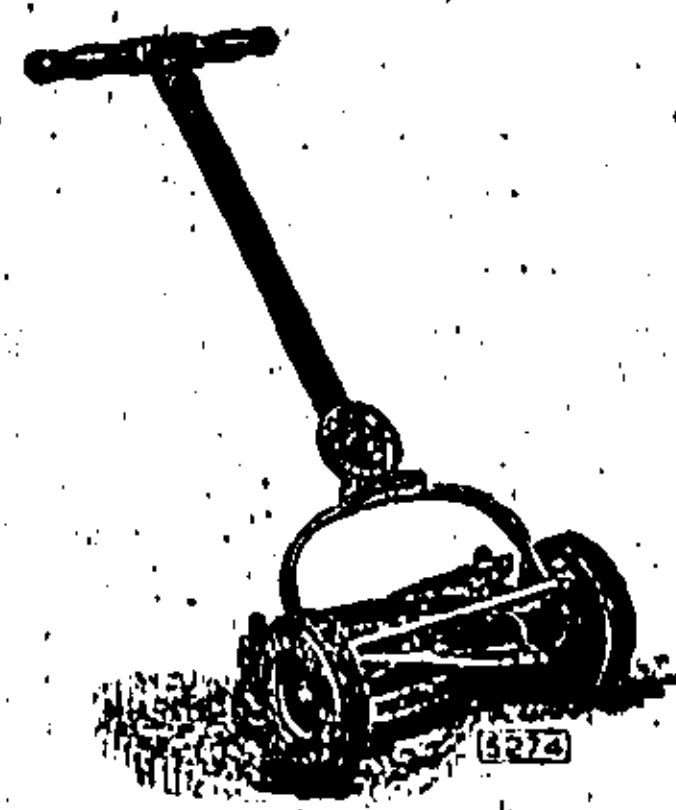
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LAWN BOWLS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Wotherspoon's Run of Bad Luck Persists.

A NARROW DEFEAT.

(By "Short Head.")

For many years W. Wotherspoon, the veteran lawn bowls player of the Tai Koo Dock, has cherished an ambition to win the Open Singles Championship, but has had a run of sheer bad luck that no one will envy. He has appeared in many semi-finals and in the final once, but has always been beaten on the post. This year he was drawn against W. Ward, of the Craigengower C.C., and the match was to have been played last night on the Police R.C. green. Somehow or other the arrangements went awry and, having come to the Valley, Wotherspoon sportingly offered to play Ward on his own green at the Craigengower Club. Which was an error of tactics.

Ward gave him an extraordinary good game after the manner of Peter Farrell and the last few heads were played amid intense excitement, first one and then the other gaining the lead. The interest was keen indeed when the scores read 20-20 and Ward lay shot, with Wotherspoon still to play his last wood. He made the only drive of the game and missed his objective, the game going to Ward by 21-20.

On an adjoining rink Rumjahn, of the Craigengower Club, played Dobbie, of the Civil Service, and could do nothing wrong whilst his opponent could do nothing right, the score at the finish being 21-1 in favour of Rumjahn, who now meets the winner of the Brawn-Farrell tie.

The survivors of the preliminary round so far are:—
Hampton, K.B.G.C.
McLeod, Tai Koo.
Rumjahn, C.C.C.
Ward, C.C.C.

YOUNG BOWLER'S RARE DISTINCTION.

School Cricket Provides Triple "Hat Trick."

WITHOUT COMPARISON.

From Johannesburg comes news of an astonishing feat in a cricket match between two schoolboy teams representing Alwal North and Smithfield, respectively. Smithfield were all out for 22. Paul Hugo, a left-hand bowler, worked such havoc that Alwal North were all out for 3 runs, of which one was a bye. Hugo took nine wickets in succession, three with the last three balls of his first over, and in his next over he captured a wicket with every ball, thus performing the triple hat-trick.

The nearest to this in the past is recorded in Vol. XIV. of "Cricket Scores and Biographies," when James Walker took 9 wickets for no runs, eight wickets in successive balls, for Ashcombe Park v. Tunstall, Staffordshire, England, on May 6, 1882.

ASCOT RACES.

KING RECEIVES TREMENDOUS OVATION.

ROYAL CALVACADE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The King and Queen, accompanied by other members of the Royal Family, received a tremendous ovation to-day when they drove from Windsor Castle to Ascot Course in the customary Royal Calvacade with scarlet clad postillions and outriders. Beautiful weather favoured this, the first day of the meeting.

The principal race of the day, the Ascot Stakes, was won by Mr. Cundell's Noble from Mr. Evans Blue Vision, Monsieur St. Alary's Bonny Boy being third. The betting was 10/1, 26/1, 100/3.—British Wireless Service.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

WATER POLO—To-day—Division I—V.R.C. v. Kowloon, 6 p.m.; Division II—V.R.C. "A" v. Borderers, 6.30 p.m.
Friday—Division I—Navy v. Chinese Bowling Club, 6 p.m.; Division II—V.R.C. "B" v. Kowloon "B", Royal Signals v. University, 6.30 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—

"B" Division—
Recreio v. H.K.C.C.
A.T.C. v. Nippon Club.
University v. K.C.C.
M.B.K. v. U.S.R.C.
I.R.C. v. S.C.A.A.
C.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
"C" Division—
Y.M.C.A. v. University.
K.I.T.C. v. Deutscher Club.
S.C.A.A. v. H.K.C.C.
Recreio v. H.K.C.C.
C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.
R.S.C. v. I.R.C.

Saturday—"A" Division—

M.B.K. v. H.K.C.C.
I.R.C. v. S.C.A.A.
K.C.C. v. C.R.C.
"B" Division—
Recreio v. Nippon Club.
H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C.
K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.
C.C.C. v. A.T.C.
"C" Division—
Y.M.C.A. v. Deutscher Club.
University v. C.C.C.
C.R.C. v. A.T.C.
Recreio v. C.S.C.C.
S.C.A.A. v. H.K.C.C.
R.S.C. v. K.I.T.C.

RACING—To-day—Hong Kong

Jockey Club extraordinary meeting of voting members, 5 p.m.
LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—
Division I—
Police v. Tai Koo.
K.C.C. v. C.C.C.
Kowloon Dock v. K.I.G.C.
C.S.C.C. v. Recreio.
Division II—
Tai Koo v. C.S.C.C.
Recreio v. Yacht Club.
K.B.G.C. v. K.C.C.
C.C.C. v. H.K. Electric.

HOME.

CRICKET—To-day, To-morrow and Friday—

M.C.C. v. Kent.
Sussex v. Notts (Friendly).
Lancashire v. Glamorgan.
Northants v. Middlesex.
Yorkshire v. Hampshire.
Warwickshire v. Surrey.
Derbyshire v. Essex.
Leicester v. Worcester.
Minor Counties v. New Zealand.
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.
Middlesex v. Yorkshire.
Essex v. Surrey.
Sussex v. Cambridge U.
Lancashire v. Gloucester.
Worcester v. Somerset.
Glamorgan v. Warwick.
Northants v. New Zealand.
Notts v. Kent.
Derby v. Hampshire.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day to

Saturday—Queen's Club Open

Championships.

Friday—Fourth round of Davis

Cup to be completed.

RACING—To-day—Royal Hunt

Cup.

To-morrow—Ascot Gold Cup.

Thursday—Ascot Gold Cup.

Sunday—Grand Steeplechase de

Paris.

JUNE ASSIZES.

THREE CASES DOWN FOR HEARING.

Three cases are down for hearing at the June Assizes, which commences to-morrow.

The first one, to be heard before the Chief Justice (Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C.) is that of To Lok and Fung Chau-pun, who are jointly charged with the possession of paper intended to resemble and pass as Revenue paper. In addition, a charge will be preferred against To Lok only of uttering forged documents.

Before the Puisne Judge, at the same hour (10 a.m.), Alexander Paddam, a private in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, will be charged with both robbery with violence and common assault. The offences are said to have been committed in Nathan Road, Kowloon, on May 18, upon a married woman named Wong So-lin.

On Monday, June 22, before the Chief Justice, Wong Cheung, alias Wong Sik-cheung will be charged with the murder of Kau Shuk at Yau-mat on April 1. This case was put over at the May Assizes owing to the absence of the medical witness.

SHIPPING TROUBLES IN CHINA.

(Continued from Page 6.)

Judges at Home only quite recently when he expressed his views somewhat as follows:—

That nobody could have sat in the Winding Up Court during the last eighteen months or two years and dealt with the affairs of Shipping Companies without being well aware that the estimated value of a steamship, even if a new one, bore little relation to the figure it would realise at a forced sale.

Shipping Figures.

Further to illustrate the difficulties attached to this important question, it is of particular interest to refer to recent statistics prepared by the British Chamber of Shipping which, according to Home papers, showed 356 per cent. increase in laid up tonnage in British Ports alone during the year 1930. The figures reveal striking evidence of the extent of the world-wide depression in trade by the fact that on January 12 1930 the idle ships in British ports totalled 189 of 965,429 net tons, whereas by January 1st 1931, this figure had risen to 665 idle ships of 1,693,247 tons.

The British Chamber of Shipping's most striking estimates, however, according to these reports, are those relating to the total gross tonnage laid up throughout the world, which on January 1, 1931 was estimated at 8,405,000 tons, or expressed in dead weight or total carrying capacity no less than 12,608,000 tons. These are remarkable figures, gentlemen, and you will appreciate the difficulty under present conditions of trade of arriving at a true estimate of what a ship is actually worth to-day. The question is certainly one of great importance to all Shipping Companies, and your Directors are giving their careful consideration to the views put forward by the Auditors.

Shareholders Alarmed.

Very recently the general managers received a telegram from certain influential shareholders at Newcastle on Tyne, who, being quite naturally alarmed at the year's showing, advocated drastic retrenchment.

The suggested economies are a reduction of management commission, directors' fees, and all salaries.

It is not clear to me whether these Shareholders realise that the office staff on shore are employed by the General Managers, not the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., and are paid out of the Commission referred to in sterling at 1/6d. Further, I must emphasise that shore property is owned by the General Managers and some small agencies are kept open at a useful loss purely to further the Indo-China Co.'s interests. I want it realised, however, that the General Managers are by far the largest Shareholders.

Directors Fees Cut.

The present Directors Fees are £1,600 per annum, divided between the members of the board. The directors have decided to reduce their fees to £500 for the current year and to continue to accept such reduced remuneration until general conditions improve.

Salaries have been dealt with elsewhere in this speech.

Auditors' Fees Raised.

I do not think there is anything else of importance which I need comment upon, except to mention that the auditors have recently requested your sanction to an increase in their annual fee. The work attached to auditing the Company's Accounts is considerable, involving supervision in Hong Kong, Shanghai and London, and, due to low exchange, the Auditors feel compelled to make this request. Your Directors consider it is a reasonable one, and therefore, recommend for your approval that the annual fee of \$5,000 be increased to \$6,000 for the current year.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, and carried unanimously.

Other Business.

On the motion of Mr. F. C. Hall, seconded by Mr. A. Percy, Mr. A.

KOREA SENSATION.

GOVERNOR GENERAL HANDS IN RESIGNATION.

SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Mr. Ugaki has accepted the Governor-Generalship of Korea and is expected to be formally installed this afternoon.—Reuter.

[The resignation of the Governor-General follows the recent tribal rising in Korea, in which whole villages were massacred.]

Tokyo, Yesterday. Baron Saito has informally tendered his resignation of the post of Governor-General of Korea.—Reuter.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

CLOSE INVESTIGATION BY PARLIAMENT.

ADJUSTMENT OF CAPACITY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It was stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Joint Committee of the Cotton Trade Organisation is now engaged on the close investigation of all sections of the cotton industry with a view to formulating plans and dealing with the adjustment of capacity and all other measures that could be taken or encouraged by joint action.—British Wireless Service.

SIR WALTER LAYTON

EDITOR OF ECONOMIST JOINS EUROPEAN ENQUIRY.

BRITISH DELEGATE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Walter Layton, Editor of the Economist, has accepted the invitation of the Government, conveyed to him through the Foreign Secretary, to act as British member on the Committee of Economic Experts set up by the Committee of Enquiry for the European, which is to meet in Geneva on June 24.—British Wireless Service.

SUDDEN ATTACK.

CHINESE ROBBED AND STABBED IN NECK.

Whilst lying down on a vacant piece of ground at the rear of Shamshuipolice Station at 8.15 o'clock last night, an unemployed man, Ho Yau (42) was suddenly attacked by two men, one of whom produced a knife and inflicted a wound in Ho's neck.

The victim was robbed of \$4.80 from his pockets, and the robbers made good their escape. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital where his condition was found to be not serious.

H. White, the retiring director, was re-elected.

The auditors, Messrs. John Fleming, C.A., and A. Ritchie, C.A., were re-elected at the proposed increased fee, on the motion of Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo.

Those Present.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. H. White (Directors), Mr. D. V. Stevenson (company solicitor) and Mr. E. F. Aucott.

Shareholders present included Messrs. A. Percy, A. M. da Silva, R. E. McDougall, A. Murdoch, J. T. Laurensen, Messrs. J. Baptista, M. H. Lo, Ho Tang-ying, Fung Hun, Chang Wing, Ho Sak-Kit, Ho Leung and Chui Sul-nam.

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OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

A successful year in spite of exchange difficulties was reported at the 30th ordinary general meeting of Wm. Powell, Ltd., held in Exchange Building to-day, and the Chairman, Mr. E. M. Raymond, stated that the Company has every reason to believe that the success will be maintained during the current year.

In presenting the report and accounts the Chairman said:—

You will note that we have had a very successful trading year, and we have every reason to believe that this success will be maintained during the current year. The Profit and Loss Account for the year shows a net profit of \$11,573.18.

Stock, as certified by the Managing Director, has been valued at cost and depreciated where necessary.

Your Directors propose to pay a Dividend of 20 cents per share, absorbing \$8,400; to place \$2,500 to General Reserve, and to carry forward to the credit of next year's account the balance, viz: \$5,559.89, which it is trusted will meet with your approval.

The Auditors have applied for an increase in their fees from \$250 to \$325.—Your Directors have agreed to this, subject to your approval.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted, and shall be glad if some Shareholder will second this proposal. When this has been done, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question Shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. G. H. Potts seconded and it was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Mr. M. Manuk was unanimously re-elected as Director on the proposal of Mr. B. C. Randall, seconded by Mr. A. H. Ribeiro.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming as Auditors were re-elected Auditors at remuneration of \$325 on the proposal of Mr. E. J. Ainslie, seconded by Mr. Leung Po-shan.

Supporting the Chairman were Mr. H. Overy, Managing Director, and Mr. F. E. Skinner, Acting Secretary. Shareholders present were Messrs. G. H. Potts, E. J. Ainslie, J. T. Bagram, B. C. Randall, A. H. Ribeiro, D. P. J. Lopes, and Leung Po-shan.

Dividend Warrants will be ready for issue to-morrow.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

TUBERCULOSIS, ENTERIC FEVER AND PUERPERAL FEVER

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended June 13 is as follows:—

Cases. Deaths.
Enteric fever 4 4
Puerperal fever 1 1
Tuberculosis 59

Summary to June 13.

The returns from January 1 to June 13 give the following figures:—

Cases. Deaths.
Typhoid 83 20
Small-pox 14 9
Scarlet fever 2 —
Diphtheria 59 22
Cerebro-spinal fever 11 5
Puerperal fever 7 4
Tuberculosis 1,242

Fifteen of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, one cerebro-spinal fever case, and 16 diphtheria cases.

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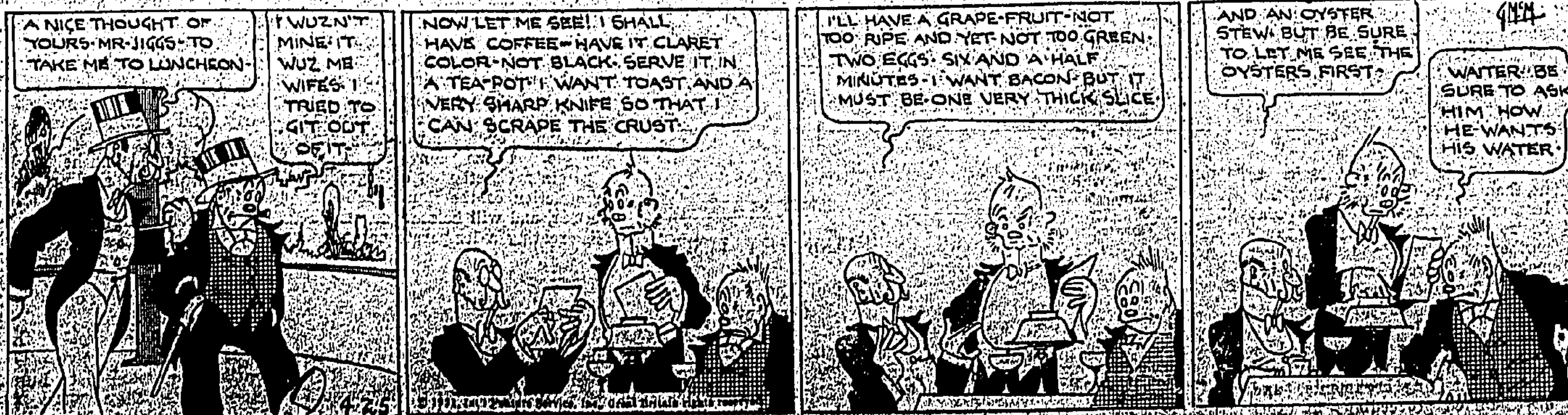
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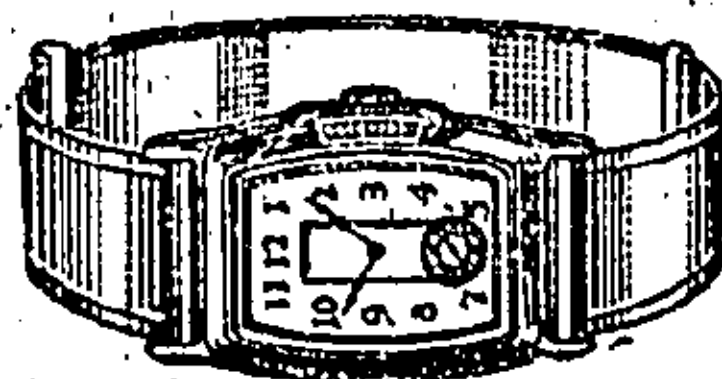
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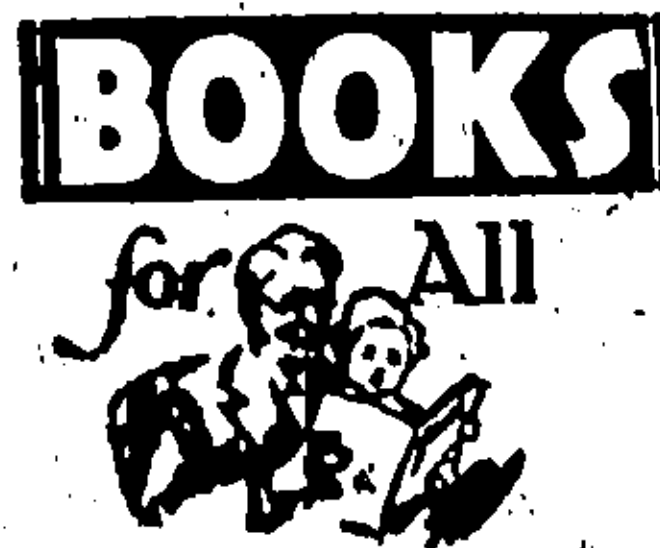


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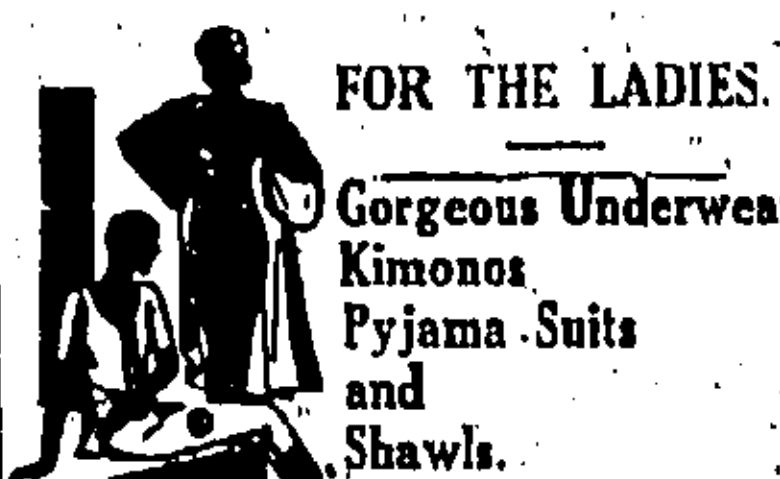
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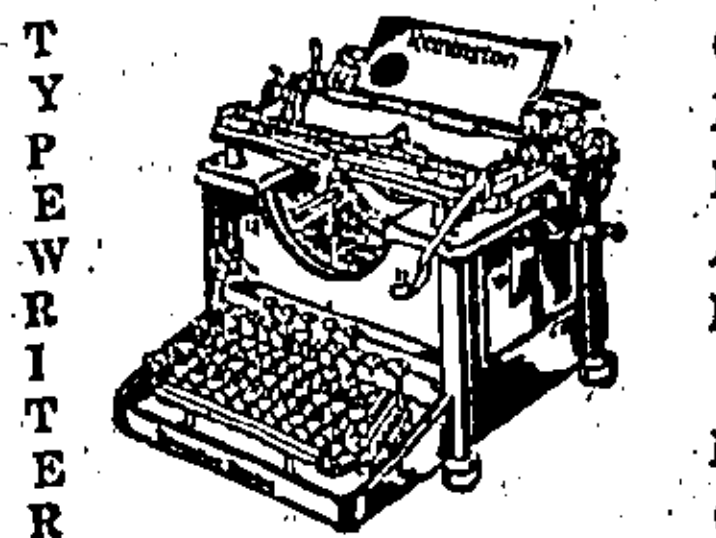
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Birthplace Link with
City of London.

MEMORIAL PROPOSED.

The City of London has an
interesting link with Australia
which hitherto has been left un-
recognised.

The omission will, it is hoped,
shortly be rectified by the erection
of a memorial to Vice-Admiral
Arthur Phillip, born within the
sound of Bow Bells, who was Aus-
tralia's first Governor and founder
of the first British settlement.

Through the initiative of Mr. D.
Hope Johnston, whose great-grand-
father, Lieut.-Colonel George John-
ston, was A.D.C. to Vice-Admiral
Phillip, the interest of the Lord
Mayor and other City authorities
has been secured for a project to
provide a City memorial to the man
who laid the foundation of Aus-
tralia as a British community.

Phillip was born in Bread Street,
E.C., on October 11, 1738, and
baptised at All Hallows Church,
Bread Street, in the following
month. It has not been possible to
identify the house or the site of the
house in which Phillip was born.
There were then no numbers to the
houses, and there is in Bread Street
to-day no house which was standing
191 years ago, but the consent of
Messrs. P. B. Cow and Company,
Ltd., has been secured for the plac-
ing of a memorial on the side wall
of their premises in Bread Street
and Cheapside.

This will be in as prominent a
position in relation to his birthplace
as could be desired.
It is suggested that the memorial
should take the form of a life-size
bust of Phillip, with the map of
Australia as a background and a
kangaroo and emu on either side.
Above would be a model of H.M.S.
Supply, the ship on which Phillip
arrived at Botany Bay and began
the founding of the first settlement.

A Real Cockney.

"It is a singular thing," remark-
ed Mr. Hope Johnston, "that
recognition in the City of London
of the part played by Phillip in
founding the Commonwealth should
have been so long delayed." He was
the son of Jacob Phillip, a teacher
of languages, who came to London
from Frankfurt and married Eliza-
beth, the British widow of a Cap-
tain Herbert, R.N. His mother's
maiden name was Breach. A real
Cockney, it is supposed, to have been
born within the sound of Bow Bells,
but Phillip was born under the very
shadow of the church.

"As All Hallows, Bread Street, no
longer exists, the baptismal records
are at St. Mary-le-Bow, and it has
also been suggested that a memorial
tablet should also be placed in that
church. The Rev. Gordon Posenby,
the incumbent, and, indeed, every-
one in the City with whom I have
discussed the desirability of making
this long-delayed recognition of
Phillip's work, are favourable to the
project."

In these modern days, when Aus-
tralia is reached in nine days by an
airman and can be conversed with
on the telephone, it can hardly be
realised what the founding of a
convict settlement in a strange land
at the other side of the world meant
in the eighteenth century. Captain
Phillip, as he then was, was 48
years old when he was chosen in
1786 by Lord Sydney, Secretary of
State for the Home Department, to
lead the expedition destined for
Botany Bay.

In October, 1786, he hoisted his
flag as Commodore in H.M.S. Sirius
—he subsequently changed to
H.M.S. Supply—and in making his
arrangement for the expedition he
would seem to have had visions of
the big part Australia would play
in the future, for among notes about
saddles for explorers and small tin
lamps for presenting to native
chiefs he has left the following
comment:

"I would not wish convicts to lay
the foundations of an Empire."

"The laws of this country will, of
course, be introduced, and there is
one I would wish to take place
from the moment His Majesty's
forces take possession of the coun-
try—that there can be no slavery in
a free land, and consequently no
slaves."

On May 12, 1787, the "first Fleet"
which had been assembled off
Portsmouth, left for New South
Wales—which appeared on Phillip's
chart as New Holland.

British Flag Hoisted.
The fleet consisted of two H.M.
ships, six transports, and three vic-
tualling ships. On arrival at
Botany Bay Phillip, in accordance
with Government instructions, was
to take up the office of Captain-
General and Governor-in-Chief of
New South Wales.
Botany Bay was reached on
January 18, 1788, and Phillip, on
going ashore, was met by a party
of armed natives, who responded to
his signs of friendship by throwing
down their weapons and accepting
gifts of beads and red balm. On
January 26, the British flag was
hoisted at Sydney Cove, and the
formal proclamation of the colony
took place on February 7.
Phillip remained nearly five years
in Australia organising the colony,
it was work of exceptional difficulty.
Even on the way out convicts on

one of the transports hatched a plot
for seizing the ship.

On Half Rations.

When he decided on Port Jackson
as the site of the settlement he
christened it Sydney after Lord
Sydney. Before the end of the first
month a plot for a raid on the food
stores had to be overcome, and in
the first year or two there was
much anxiety about food. The
settlement had to be put on half
rations, and the troops were on the
verge of mutiny.

It was an uphill, almost a super-
human, task, but in less than five
years he had opened up fertile areas
and developed agriculture, so that
the settlement became self-suffi-
cient, and he transformed its inhabi-
tants into a well-disciplined com-
munity. This was the beginning of
British Australia.

Ill-health, however, caused Phillip
much trouble, and his resignation
was accepted by the Government at
home. On arriving in Britain in
1793 he was awarded a pension of
£500 a year. He died at Bath in
1814, and was buried in the Church
of St. Nicholas, Bathampton.

SCHOOL GIRLS' PROTEST.

Physical Beauty Of More Value
Than Proficiency Certificate.

Belgrade, May 24.

A highly amusing conflict has
arisen in Serbian High Schools
owing to the Rector of the leading
Girls' College prohibiting the use
of face-powder and rouge. The
indignant girls elected "a Council
of twelve" to organise a revolt
and sent a deputation to the Min-
ister of Education.
The Minister, possibly dreading
the influence of some of Bel-
grade's prettiest young girls, re-
fused to receive them. There-
upon the rebels published a man-
ifesto in the leading Belgrade
newspapers, announcing that they
were resolved to remain on strike
till such "medieval" education
methods have ceased.

The remarkable document goes
on: "Rouged lips, polished finger-
nails, and undulated short hair
are infinitely more important to
us than Latin, Greek or other use-
less encumbrances." We have no
desire to be as ugly as our grand-
mothers, and we do desire to get
married. A proficiency certificate
in learning is of much less use in
securing a husband than physical
beauty."

The authorities have failed to
allow themselves to be convinced
by these striking arguments, and
have started proceedings to expel
all the strikers from school.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
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7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
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7-11.15 p.m.—Band Selections
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Pas Des Cymbales (Chaminade),
(a) Air De Ballet,
(b) Calli-rhoe (Chaminade) (C1501).
Selection of Leslie Stuart's Songs
(arr. Hume) (C1628).
7-18.32 p.m.—Organ Solos.
Poem (Fibich),
An Autumn Serenade (Beccs),
Marche Militaire (Schubert),
Andantino (Lomarc),
Arthur Meale (B2353).

7-32.8 p.m.—From the Studio—
Rev. Father G. Byrne, S.J., will
lecture on "Einstein and Some
Others at Ten."

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather
Report.

8.03-8.38 p.m.—Variety.

Song—
High and Low,
Far Away,
Sylvia Cecil, Soprano (B3860).

Negro Spiritual—
(a) Get on Board Lil' Chillum,
(b) Dere's No Hidin' Place,
(c) Oh! Rock Me Jule,
(d) Oh! Didn't It Rain.

Paul Robeson, Bass (B3033).

Violin Solo—
From the Land of the Sky Blue
Water.

Aloha Oe (F. Kreisler) (1115).

Vocal Duet—
One Mad Kiss,
Deep in My Heart.

Winnie Melville and Derek
Oldham (B3846).

Song—
The Girl is You & the Boy is Me,
If You See Sally.

Melville Gideon, Baritone
(B2574).

8.38-9.09 p.m.—
Midsummer Night's Dream
(Mendelssohn).

Sun, Francisco Symphony
Orchestra Directed by
Alfred Hertz (M18).

9.09-9.49 p.m.—A Concert.

The Cuckoo (Lehmann),
Little Brown Owl (Sanderson),
Mavis Bennett, Soprano
(B3180).

Piano Solo—
The Wind in the Plain (Debussy),
Mistral (Debussy).

Ignace Jan Paderowski (1499).

Chorus, Gentlemen (Lohr),
Off to Philadelphia (Haynes),
Percy Hemling, Baritone
(B2509).

Violin Solo—
Dance of the Maestros
(Frim-Kreisler),
Blue Skies (Berlin-Kreisler),
Fritz Kreisler (1238).

Song—
Solveig's Song
(Peer Gynt—Grieg),
Mavis Bennett, Soprano
(C1229).

Song—
The Song of the Kettle (Anthony),
Cheery Souls (Burke),
Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone
(B3821).

9.49-10.15 p.m.—Waltzes.

Jolly Fellows (Volstead),
Amoureuse (Berger),
International Novelty Orch.
(C1682).

The Skaters (Waldteufel),
Estudiantina (Waldteufel),
International Novelty Orch.
(C1826).

Merry Widow (Lehar),
Count of Luxembourg (Lehar),
International Novelty Orch.
(C1392).

10.15-10.29 p.m.—

Introduction and Allegro for Harp
with Strings and Woodwind Accom-
paniment (Ravel),
Virtuoso String Quartet with
J. Cockrell, E. Murchy and
C. Draper (C1623).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

PAUL WHITEMAN TO WED AGAIN

Jazz Band "King" Changes
His Mind.

Paul Whiteman, "King of Jazz,"
who in March announced that mar-
ried life was impossible for him,
and that it was "a middle-class
proposition," is shortly to marry
again. In March he obtained a
divorce from his wife, Vanda Hoff,
the dancer.

His next wife will be Margaret
Livingston, the red-haired Mimì
of the talking-picture "The Bellamy
Trial."

Discussing his life as the leader
of one of the world's most famous
bands, Paul Whiteman said after his
divorce:
"I cannot remember ever having
had a home. I have not lived for
more than two months in one place
for years. Marriage is a middle-
class proposition; at any rate, it
seems to work best for those of
average mode, somewhere between a
hog-carrier and a banker."

"Vanda was right," he added,
referring to his divorced wife. "I
am married to my jazz band."

Now, apparently, he has changed
his mind.

NATIONALITY POSER.

Akavian Who Fought For
Germany.

An Alsatian who fought for Ger-
many in the War has provided a
problem of nationality that will
prove difficult to solve. His name
is Schwartz, and he fought for

About a year after the war he was
arrested by French occupation
troops at Kehl, near Strassburg, and
tried by a French court-martial as
a Frenchman who had borne arms
against his country. He was sen-
tenced to imprisonment, and was
taken to Devil's Island, the French
penal colony. Afterwards he was
interned in French Guiana.

His case has aroused the interest
of a number of German Nationalist
Deputies, who have decided to ques-
tion the Government in the Reich-
stag regarding the steps it proposes
to take to secure the release of
Schwartz.

The question of Schwartz's
nationality, however, bristles with
complications. His father, it is
stated, was a French Customs offi-
cial and of French nationality. The
son, however, did not know that his
father was French.

Exactly what is the son's national
status is difficult to say in view of
the different views taken by French
and German laws on the point, but
the hope is expressed in German
circles that the French authorities
will take the difficulties of the situa-
tion into consideration and will be
prepared to take a humane view of
Schwartz's case.

[Alsace and Lorraine were an-
nexed by Germany after the war of
1870-71. In 1918, after the defeat
of Germany in the European war,
the provinces returned to France.]

PROHIBITION.

"Growing Contempt Among
Americans."

The past five years has brought
a great change in the American
attitude towards Prohibition, ac-
cording to Sir Josiah Stamp.

Interviewed at Minneapolis, Sir
Josiah said: "Five years ago when
I visited the United States your
people, especially the business
men, seemed to regard Prohibition
as an edict which they intended to
obey, and one calculated to benefit
the country as a whole."

"To-day I observe a growing
contempt for the law among your
people. I am convinced Great
Britain's method of gradual
restriction of the liquor trade is
better and will be more successful
in creating a temperate nation."

Germany when Alsace was part of
Germany.

months old, and there was no
danger in their liberty. If they
saw human beings they would
turn away from them, although
they might attack horses."

FOUR LIONS ESCAPE FROM A CIRCUS.

One Jumps on a Pony
and Over a Woman.

STRUGGLE IN LAKE.

Four full-grown lions escaped
from a travelling circus at Hel-
ston, Cornwall, during a perform-
ance in a large tent.

One of them leaped on to the
back of a tethered pony, but
ran on again without injuring it.
Then it jumped over a seat in
the park where a woman was sit-
ting and sprang into the lake. It
was lassoed, not without diffi-
culty, by Capt. Pinder, the pro-
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The three others were also
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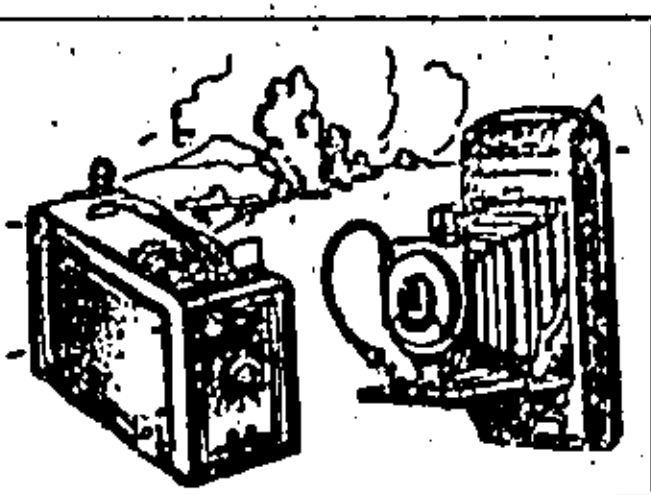
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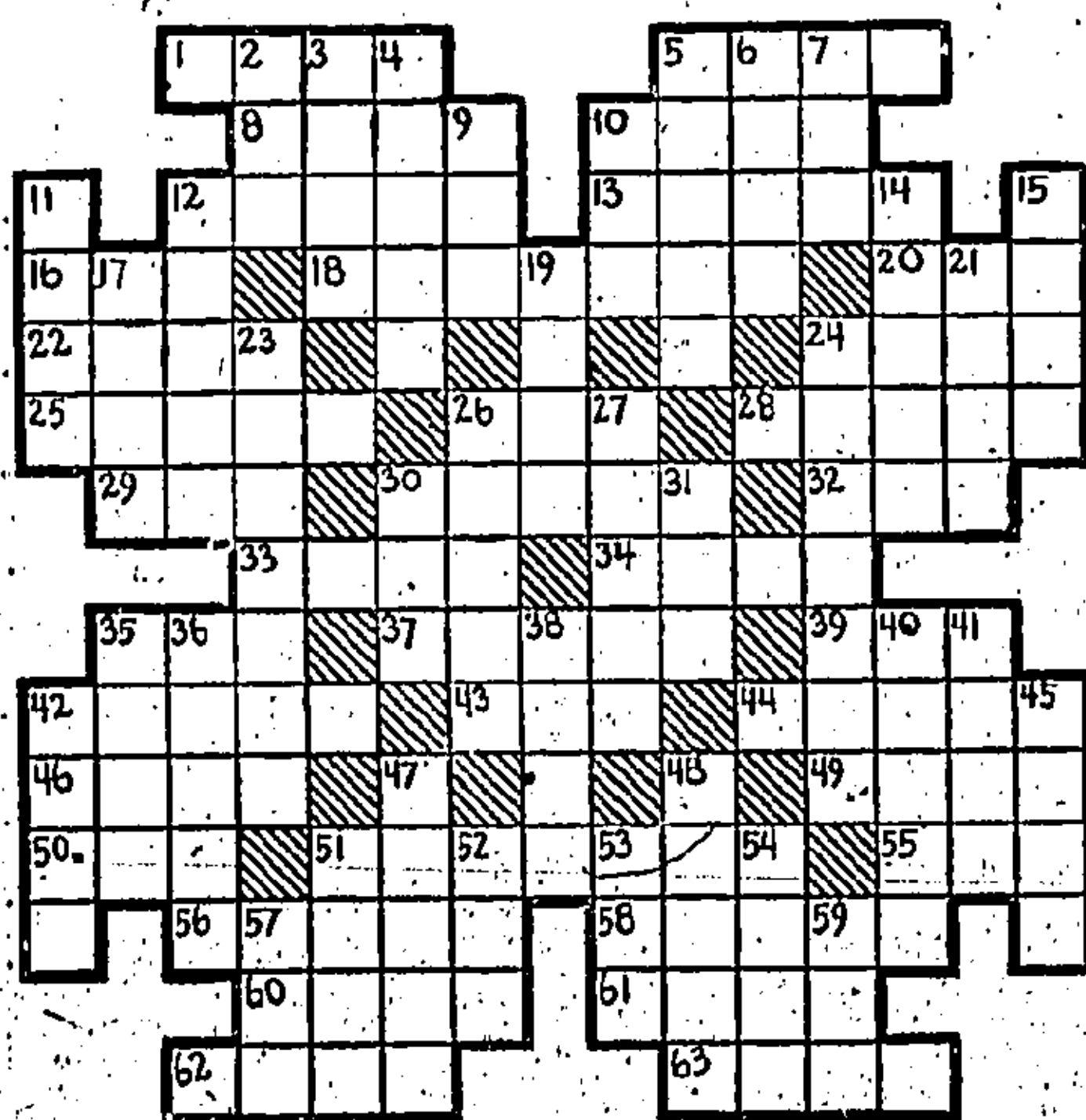


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)HORIZONTAL
1-7 string on a stick
2-Part of a ship
3-Verbal
10-On top
12-A fishnet
13-Parts of a plant
16-Angel
18-A small car
20-Black sticky
22-Frog (Latin)
24-A rodent
26-Ascended
28-A fowl
30-A gift
32-Orn's name
34-Good
36-A team
38-A fowl
40-Salt (Latin)
42-Refined oreHORIZONTAL (Cont.)
48-A Scandinavian
50-A tropical fruit
52-Ocean
54-Rail-road sleeping
56-Sheltered side
58-Native (Post.)
60-An aboriginal
62-Settled
64-Mood
66-Gull-like bird
68-Part of a circle
70-Lullaby
72-Spanish title
74-Support
76-Music from
78-Residence (abbr.)VERTICAL (Cont.)
17-Choice
19-At any time
21-Any open space
23-Free from disease
25-Stored away
27-The underworld
29-Top of head
31-Kingdom between
33-Tibet and India
35-Jump on one foot
37-Prof. Bad
39-Passage-money
41-Country of Asia
43-Venture
45-Country of Europe
47-Top of head
49-Cholesterol
51-Sly glance
53-Smooth
55-Indignant
57-Skiff
59-Part of a circle
61-Lullaby
63-Spanish title
65-Support
67-Music from
69-Residence (abbr.)

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS

MR. GANDHI'S FIRST
TALKIE.Debarred from Posing
by Solemn Vow.

FILMED AT BORSAD.

Borsad, April 30.
For the first time in his career, Mr. Gandhi appeared as a film talkie star, when, with his permission, a talkie film was made of an interview with him to-day.
Mr. Gandhi began by saying: "I do not like this sort of thing, but I shall reconcile myself, if it is only for a few minutes."
"Excuse me declining to pose for you, from which I am debarred by a solemn vow that I made in 1905."
Asked to give a message of greeting and friendship to the American people, he said:
"I appreciate all the interest and sympathy America has shown in our struggle. I hope we shall be able to retain the friendship and goodwill of the American people to the end of our struggle."
Asked when he expected to visit America, Mr. Gandhi said: "Much as I should like to visit America, I have absolutely no notion of it, except that I should not like to visit America until the present struggle for India's freedom has proved demonstrably successful."
Asked when he expected to go to London for the Round Table Conference, he said:
"I have no idea, except that I do not expect to go to London unless the Hindu-Muslim question is satisfactorily solved. Of course, if there should be a breach of the present truce, I will not go to London at all."
If the King invited him to dinner at Buckingham Palace when he was in London would he dress in native Indian attire, or appear in European dress, Mr. Gandhi said:
"It would be a discourtesy to the King for me to appear in my dress other than my own customary apparel. If the weather permits, I shall dress in Britain exactly as I do in India, namely, in a loin-cloth."
Asked for a message of greeting to the British public, he said:
"I am glad to be able to say that the circle of my British friends is increasing. It could not be otherwise, as the present Satyagraha movement, however much it may be mixed with dress, is nothing but a movement for promoting the establishment of goodwill with those against whom we seem to be fighting; therefore I have no misgivings as to the ultimate result.""Instead of becoming cheaper it must become dearer. I would rather see stalls go up to a guinea each than down to half a guinea. People will always pay for quality—and the theatre will do best by giving them quality."
The Young People.
I asked Miss Cooper how young people are to be attracted to the theatre. The majority of most audiences are middle-aged, the men grey or bald, the women elderly. There does not seem to be a theatre audience growing up.She said: Well, you cannot expect young people to want to sit in theatres evening after evening. They like to move about, and there is a great deal else to take them away from the theatre.
"Still, I believe that the young people will go to the theatre if there is something really to attract them. You get young people at Frederick Lonsdale's, Noel Coward's, and Somerset Maugham's plays, and at Cochran's shows.
"But what is the point of building more and more and bigger and bigger theatres when there is nothing with which to fill them and there are not sufficient people to buy the seats? The salvation of the stage lies in fewer theatres and better plays."

Greta Garbo is seen in the title role in M-G-M's talkie "Inspiration," which is at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Miss Garbo gained success in her initial talkie "Anna Christie" with Charles Bickford, followed by "Romeo" with Gavin Gordon.



Robert Montgomery, who plays opposite Greta Garbo in "Inspiration," Montgomery is said to be the favourite leading man of the talking screen to-day, and among his successes are "Untamed" and "Our Blushing Brides" with Joan Crawford, "War Nurse" with Anita Page, and "Love In The Rough" with Dorothy Jordan.

GUINEA STALLS?

GLADYS COOPER'S PLAN TO
SAVE THE STAGE.

For some time past not more than half a dozen London plays have met with simultaneous success. There has been a steady crop of quick failures in the West-end.

Can London support about fifty theatres?

I have been discussing these questions (writes a Daily Express representative) with Miss Gladys Cooper, whose acting experience goes back to the great musical comedy days of George Edwardes, and who, for the past fourteen years or so, has been in management as well.

Miss Cooper is one of the clearest-thinking people of our stage. She believes the time has now come when London does not want more than a dozen theatres.

Facing the Facts.
"We have come to the time to face the facts," she said; "the days of support for forty or fifty plays running in London are over. There are not the plays, and there is not the public."

"It is futile for people to talk and write about cheapening rents and seats in order that the drama may compete with the films. Even if this could be done—which is very doubtful in existing economic conditions—it would not do."

"It is not the business of the theatre to try to compete with the films; how can you do on the stage what you can do in a moving picture?—No, the theatre must make up its mind to become the caviare of entertainment."

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

GLADYS COOPER
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GAMUT TARES
ERST TARE PERMSOVIET PROPAGANDA
FILM.To Incite Chinese to
Rebellion.

CHILDISH DRAMA.

Another example of the Soviet's pernicious propaganda by films was shown by the Film Society. This film, called "The Blue Express," is an ingenious drama obviously manufactured for the only purpose of inciting the Chinese to revolution.

The commentator in the Film Society's programme uses the more tactful phrase, "the encouragement of the Chinese to self-government." The picture was made at Sovkino, the Russian State film factory, two years ago by Ilya Trauberg. He was only 23 when he made "The Blue Express."
The setting of the story (Continued at foot of preceding column.)THE £40,000 A YEAR
FILM STAR.Yorkshire Girl Who
Conquered Hollywood.

PLANTER-HUSBAND.

Miss Dorothy Mackaill, the Yorkshire girl who has won greater fame in Hollywood than any other British actress, is to be married, says a mail week report.

Her husband-to-be is Mr. Neil Albert Miller, an employee of the Hawaiian Planters' Association. They have taken out a marriage licence in Honolulu, where Miss Mackaill has been holidaying recently, and they were very disappointed when they were told that the law required them to wait three days before the ceremony could be performed.

Steps to Fame.

Miss Dorothy Mackaill is 26. Her father is a small tradesman in Hull, and when she was a child there was talk of her going into the family business.

But she had other views. She won some local fame as a concert "turn" while still at school, and when she was 15 she went to London to study dancing and elocution.

She got a place in the chorus of the revue "Joy Bells" at the Hippodrome—she was the youngest girl in the show—and when the revue went to Paris she went with it, and from there got across to New York and "crashed" into the presence of Mr. Florenz Ziegfeld. Then this happened:

Miss Mackaill: I'm Dorothy Mackaill, of London, and I've come to New York especially to see you.
Mr. Ziegfeld: Have you, indeed? And how old are you?
Miss Mackaill: Sixteen.
Mr. Ziegfeld: Right; you're in the show.

£40,000 a Year.

From Mr. Ziegfeld's Follies Miss Mackaill went to Hollywood, appeared in many silent films, and came into the front rank with her first talkie, "The Barker," in which she appeared with the late Milton Sills. Among other talkies, she has played in "His Captive Woman," "Children of the Ritz," "The Great Divide," "The Flirting Widow," "Strictly Modern," "Bright Lights," and "The Office Wife."
Her income is said to be about £40,000 a year.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

			June 10, June, June,			June 10, June, June,					
			1931. 1918. 1914.			1931. 1918. 1914.					
			Cts. Cts. Cts.			Cts. Cts. Cts.					
Butcher Meat.						Poultry.					
Beef Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	33	24	12	Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31
Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	30	28	11	Capons, Small	雞	lb.	60	28	30
Corned	咸肉	lb.	—	23	12	Capons, Large	雞	lb.	66	28	30
Roast	牛	lb.	33	24	22	Duck	鴨	lb.	45	22	21
Breast	牛	lb.	30	20	18	Doves	鴿	each	45	22	21
Soup	牛	lb.	27	20	18	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	33	18	—
Steak	牛	lb.	33	24	22	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	per doz.	36	25	20
Steak Sirloin	牛	lb.	46	30	35	Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	68	33	24
Sausages	牛	lb.	86	26	20	Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	58	35	24
Lamb's Brains	牛	per set	17	10	12	Geese	鴨	lb.	46	24	24
Tongue, fresh	牛	each	75	50	60	Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	45	30	—
Tongue, corned	牛	—	60	—	—	Holow	鴿	lb.	35	23	—
Head	牛	lb.	\$1.20	—	\$1.20	Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb.	80	—	—
Heart	牛	lb.	24	18	14	Turkeys, Hen	雞	lb.	65	61	45
Hump, Salt	牛	—	—	20	18	Snipe	雞	each	25	—	—
Feet	牛	each	12	10	12	Pheasant	雞	pair	3.50	—	—
Kidneys	牛	lb.	15	10	12	Quail	雞	each	45	—	—
Tail	牛	lb.	27	20	22	Partridges	雞	—	—	—	—
Liver	牛	lb.	24	18	14						
Tripe	牛	—	8	6	7						
Calves Head & Feet	牛	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00						
Mutton Chop	羊	lb.	44	28	—						
Leg	羊	lb.	44	26	—						
Shoulder	羊	lb.	40	24	—						
Saddle	羊	lb.	44	—	—						
Pig's Chittlings	猪	lb.	30	27	—						
Brains	猪	Per. set	8	—	—						
Feet	猪	lb.	16	15	—						
Fry	猪	lb.	28	15	18						
Head	猪	lb.	18	20	—						
Heart	猪	each	15	10	10						
Kidneys	猪	lb.	15	10	3						
Liver	猪	lb.	48	30	24						
Pork Chop	猪	lb.	36	25	23						
Leg	猪	lb.	38	—	—						
Loin	猪	lb.	44	60	70						
Pai or Lard	猪	lb.	26	21	—						
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	per set	30	60	70						
Heart	羊	each	12	8	7						
Kidneys	羊	lb.	15	10	12						
Liver	羊	lb.	45	25	25						
Suckling Pig, to order	猪	lb.	25	25	25						
Beef	牛	lb.	80	50	18						
Mutton	羊	lb.	86	28	28						
Veal	牛	lb.	22	20	20						
Sausages	牛	lb.	28	—	—						
	牛	lb.	32	—	—						
Fish.						Vegetables, &c.					
Barbel	魚	lb.	50	16	24	Artichokes	蓴菜	each	12	—	2
Bream	魚	lb.	32	20	16	Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	7	—	7
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	32	—	—	Long	豆	lb.	12	—	8
Fish	魚	lb.	32	13	16	Beet Root	紅菜頭	lb.	10	—	—
Carp	魚	lb.	38	16	27	Bitter Squash	苦蕒	lb.	8	24	—
Codfish	魚	lb.	35	12	9	Brijals, Green	青瓜	lb.	6	5	3
Crabs	魚	lb.	44	16	17	Red	紅瓜	lb.	6	5	3
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	25	23	28	Cabbage, Chinese	芥蘭	lb.	10	—	—
Dace	魚	lb.	26	16	27	(Shanghai)	上海菜	lb.	18	12	—
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	42	23	16	Cane Shoots, bunch	大蔥	each	8	—	—
Sels, Conger	魚	lb.	38	16	—	Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	—	—	—
Fresh Water	魚	lb.	42	10	8	(Medium)	中花椰菜	each	—	—	—
Yellow	魚	lb.	74	26	80	(Small)	小花椰菜	each	—	—	—
Frogs	魚	lb.	80	32	25	Carrots	金菜	lb.	7	5	6
Garoupa	魚	lb.	28	40	30	Celery, Chinese	芹菜	lb.	16	10	6
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	30	22	13	Chilies, Dried	辣椒	lb.	16	25	5
Herring	魚	lb.	32	13	23	Red	紅辣椒	lb.	12	10	10
Halibut	魚	lb.	36	18	15	Green	青辣椒	lb.	8	8	12
Labrus	魚	lb.	70	32	18	Curry Stuff, English	咖喱材料	lb.	10	8	—
Loach	魚	lb.	56	62	24	Cucumbers	黃瓜	lb.	6	2	—
Lobsters	魚	lb.	86	32	21	Garlic	蒜頭	lb.	10	0	6
Mackerel	魚	lb.	42	20	20	Ginger, Young	子薑	lb.	10	7	—
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	38	13	2	Old	老薑	lb.	8	20	—
Mullet	魚	lb.	35	12	2	Horse-radish, Shanghai	馬蹄	lb.	85	8	4
Oysters	魚	lb.	26	14	9	Indian Corn	玉米	lb.	8	45	—
Perot Fish	魚	lb.	26	30	15	Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1	—
Perch	魚	lb.	42	16	9	Water Chestnuts	荸薺	lb.	12	—	8
Pike	魚	lb.	42	36	29	Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	lb.	65	—	—
Plaice	魚	lb.	50	36	30	Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草	—	—	1	10
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	86	36	45	Okroes	洋蔥	lb.	10	8	8
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	70	10	14	Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	lb.	6	4	6
Prawns	魚	lb.	25	10	14	Green	上海蔥	lb.	8	6	—
Ray	魚	lb.	26	13	18	Shanghai	上海蔥	lb.	10	60	8
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	30	22	10	Parley	芹	lb.	5	3	—
Roach	魚	lb.	50	36	30	Potato, Sweet	番薯	lb.	5	3	—
Salmon	魚	lb.	21	8	10	Japanese	日本薯	lb.	5	3	—
Shark	魚	lb.	21	10	10	American	金山薯	lb.	5	3	—
Skate	魚	lb.	52	33	30	Pumpkin	冬瓜	lb.	5	4	4
Shrimps	魚	lb.	44	28	23	Radish	紅頭芥	lb.	7	—	10
Snapper	魚	lb.	36	22	23	Rhubarb (Fresh)	大紅頭芥	lb.	18	—	—
Sole	魚	lb.	36	23	25	Shallots	蔥	lb.	8	—	8
Tenoh	魚	lb.	32	12	12	Spinach	菠菜	lb.	6	5	—
Turbot	魚	lb.	120	40	—	Tomatoes	茄	lb.	16	4	—
						Taro	芋	lb.	5	7	—
						Turnips, Pencil (Long)	芋	lb.	6	6	—
						Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	lb.	6	4	—
						Water Cress	西洋菜	lb.	10	15	—
						Water Lily Root	蓮藕	lb.	6	15	—

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PHANTOM OF THE OPERA:—A Universal 1931 Special. A mysterious "Talkie" with every player in full dialogue, except the leading man. **LON CHANEY.** It's the last of the man of a thousand faces in filmdom.

THE CAT CREEPS:—Universal's new production from John Willard's famous play "The Cat and the Canary."

SOCIAL LION:—A 1931 Paramount comedy starring Jack Oakie and Mary Brian.

RESURRECTION:—A Universal 1931 all dialogue super-production. It betters the silent film of the past.

DRACULA:—Another Universal super-production. Superstition of yesterday may be a fact of the world of science of to-day is explained in this picture. It's mysterious all through.

RIGHT TO LOVE:—A 1931 Paramount super-production starring the sweet-Miss Ruth Chatterton.

FIGHTING CARAVANS:—A "Covered Waggon" type of picture of Paramount's starring Gary Cooper and Lily Damita.

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ELECTORAL REFORM IN BRITAIN.

Bill to Assure Fairer
Voting System.

MICROSCOPICAL CHANGES.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Lords to-day, the Representation of the People Bill passed its second reading by 50 votes to 14. The measure provides for the method of alternative votes at Parliamentary Elections when there are more than two candidates.

Lord Passfield, in moving the second reading, expressed the belief that the measure, if carried, would lead to little more than microscopical changes in the balance of Party representation, and he could not guess which Party, if any, it would favour. But there had been 469 three-cornered contests out of roughly 600 at the last General Election and in over 300 cases a member was returned by a minority vote. The alternative vote, he contended, would lead to a fairer representation of constituents.—British Wireless Service.

DANGER OF INDIAN FEDERATION.

Would Sweep Small
States off the Map.

MAHARAJAH'S VIEWS.

London, Yesterday.
Reports that the Maharajah of Patiala has modified the views he expressed at the Round Table Conference in favour of Indian federation are confirmed by the publication of a statement in which the Maharajah states that the "Federation scheme hitherto proposed is fraught with the gravest danger to the very existence of the Indian States. There is no trace of a Federal spirit throughout India and if the scheme is accepted the smaller States are bound to suffer the fate of the smaller German principalities under the Confederation of 1815 and disappear from the map of India."—Reuter.

ROYAL INDUSTRIAL TOUR OF BRITAIN.

Prince George to Visit
Trade Centres.

FLIGHT TO DEVON.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Prince George will travel by aeroplane, seaplane, and motor car during the third of his industrial tours of Britain at the end of this month. He will fly from London to Torquay on June 24 and will then visit the principal towns of Cornwall by either seaplane or car. The tour will include a visit to the Duchy of Cornwall, the estate of the Prince of Wales.—British Wireless Service.

TRANSPORT BILL.

L.C.C. TO RECEIVE £8,500,000
FOR TRAM EXCHANGE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The London County Council to-day approved the provisional terms offered by the Minister of Transport whereby under the London Passenger Transport Bill they will receive £8,500,000 of special class of stock in exchange for their Tramways undertakings.—British Wireless Service.

KING ZOG VERY MUCH ALIVE.

No Truth in Rumour of
His Death.

VISIT TO VIENNA.

Vienna, Yesterday.
It is unconfirmedly rumoured from Belgrade that King Zog of Albania is dead and the news is being kept secret for State reasons.



King Zog recently consulted a Vienna specialist on stomachic disorders and during the course of his visit an attempt was made on his life.

Alive and Well.

Later.
King Zog is alive and well at Tirana, according to a statement issued by the Albanian Legation in London.—Reuter.

Two men fired shots at King Zog as he was leaving the Opera House in February. A member of his suite was killed, but King Zog escaped. His assailants were arrested. King Zog was undergoing treatment for internal disorders, attributed to excessive smoking. King Zog, formerly Mr. Ahmed Beg Zog, President of the Albanian Republic which was proclaimed in 1917, was proclaimed King on October 25, 1928. He was born on October 8, 1895, and is a Moslem by religion and hereditary chieftain of the Mali Clan. He is assisted in the administration by a Council of Ministers headed by a Prime Minister. The territory known as Albania was made up of the old Turkish Provinces of Scutari and of Yanina. The independence of Albania was proclaimed in 1912 and subsequently a European Prince, William of Wied, was nominated to rule it in 1914. After the outbreak of the Euro-

AL CAPONE PLEADS GUILTY.

Bootlegger King Before
High Court.

VIOLATION OF THE LAW.

New York, Yesterday.
The notorious gangster Al Capone, who was arraigned before the High Court to-day, pleaded guilty to charges of violating the Prohibition and Income Tax laws.

Heavy Sentences.
Chicago, Yesterday.
Two of Capone's henchmen who fought their cases received five and three years' imprisonment respectively. Two others who pleaded guilty got 18 and 12 months. Capone's sentence will be delivered on June 30.—Reuter's American Service.

[Al Capone and 68 others, many of whom are members of Capone's syndicate, have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for conspiracy to violate the Prohibition law. The indictments charge Capone's gang with 5,000 offences. A cablegram of June 6 stated:—The notorious gangster, Al Capone, who surrendered to the Federal Court here yesterday evening in answer to a summons for non-payment of income tax, has been released on payment of \$50,000 bail.]

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Opposition to Foreign
Minister's Proposal.

FOREIGN DEBT.

Vienna, Yesterday.
The Cabinet has decided to resign. This decision follows the resignation earlier in the day of Herr Winkler, Minister of the Interior, owing to his opposition to the Finance Minister's proposal to guarantee £16,000,000 of the foreign debts of the Credit Anstalt.

Herr Winkler's resignation follows recent resignation of Dr. Hans Schuerff, the Minister of Justice, which left the Cabinet without a majority in the Chamber.—Reuter.

POLITICAL BATTLE IN GERMANY.

Chancellor Wins Over
the Emergency Decree.

NOT YET "OUT OF WOOD."

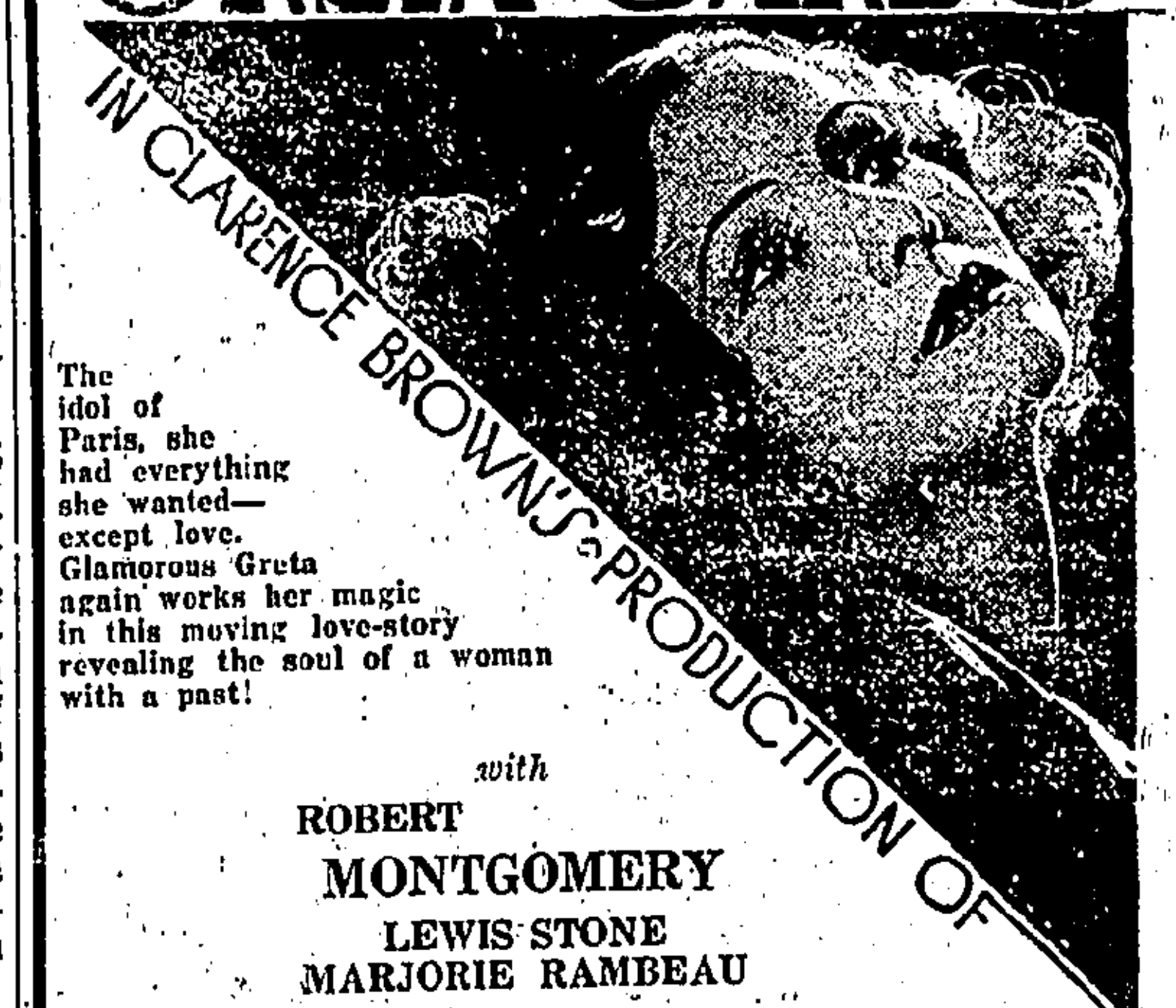
Berlin, Yesterday.
The Chancellor, Dr. Brüning, won the first round of the battle over the emergency decree of June 12. The Committee of the Reichstag rejected the Nationalists' demand for an immediate convocation of the Reichstag to discuss the decree, but the Government is not yet out of the wood, as there is still to be faced the Socialist demand for the summoning of the Budget Committee.—Reuter.

pean War the Prince and nearly all the members of the International Commission who appointed him left the country, which fell into a state of anarchy. A Republic was then proclaimed which lasted until 1928, in which year it was changed into a monarchy.

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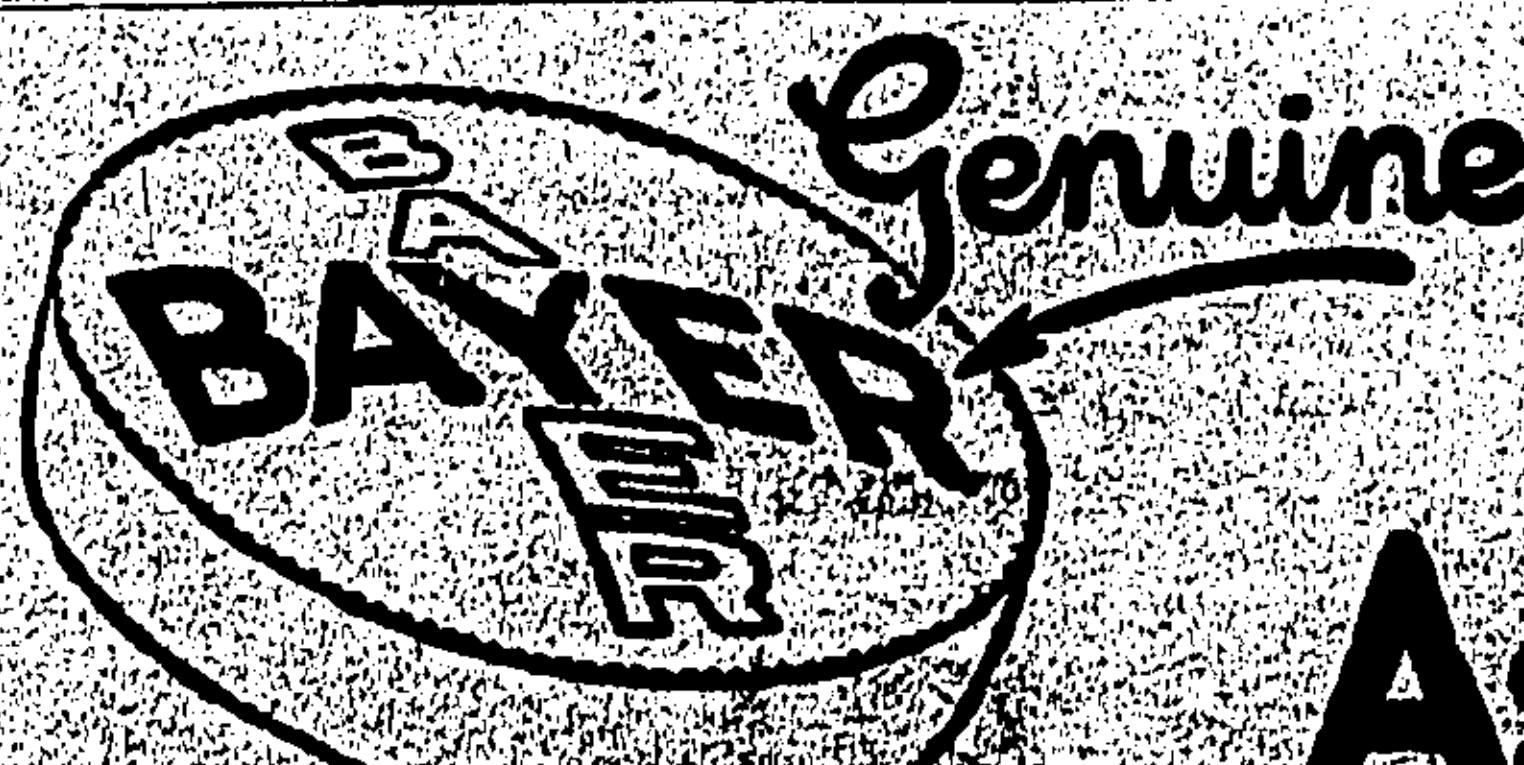
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